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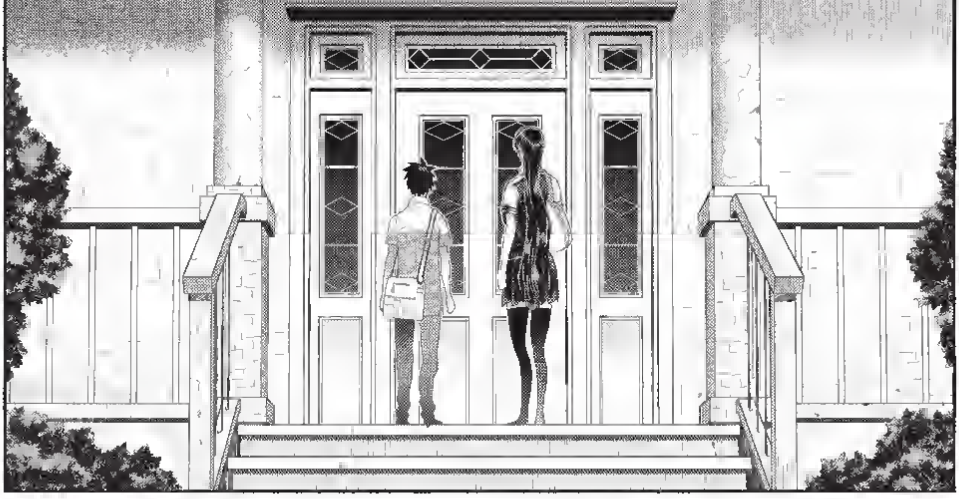
CHAPTER 35
Takamiya and Kagari's Key
Hmm, OK. You saw someone like that?
Straight ahead on this road ...
I see! Thank you!
MEOW
MEOW

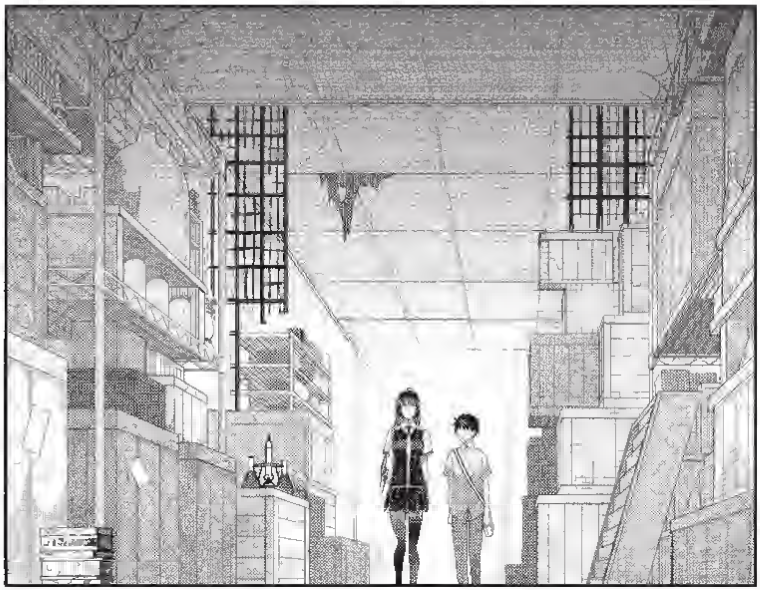
ウサ——ッ
RABBIIIT!
BAM!!
ば"っ
The enemy is near! Stay on your toes!!
Let's go, guys!!



Okay.
I'm opening the door, Takamiya.

...
What's the matter, Kagari?
ガチャガチャ RATTLE
ガチャガチャ RATTLE
ガチャガチャ RATTLE
ガチャ KACHAK...

バキャッ
GRAKK
Wha ?!
Let's go!
Hi...
ZFF
Did you just break that with your bare hands?



KLIK
コッ
KLAK
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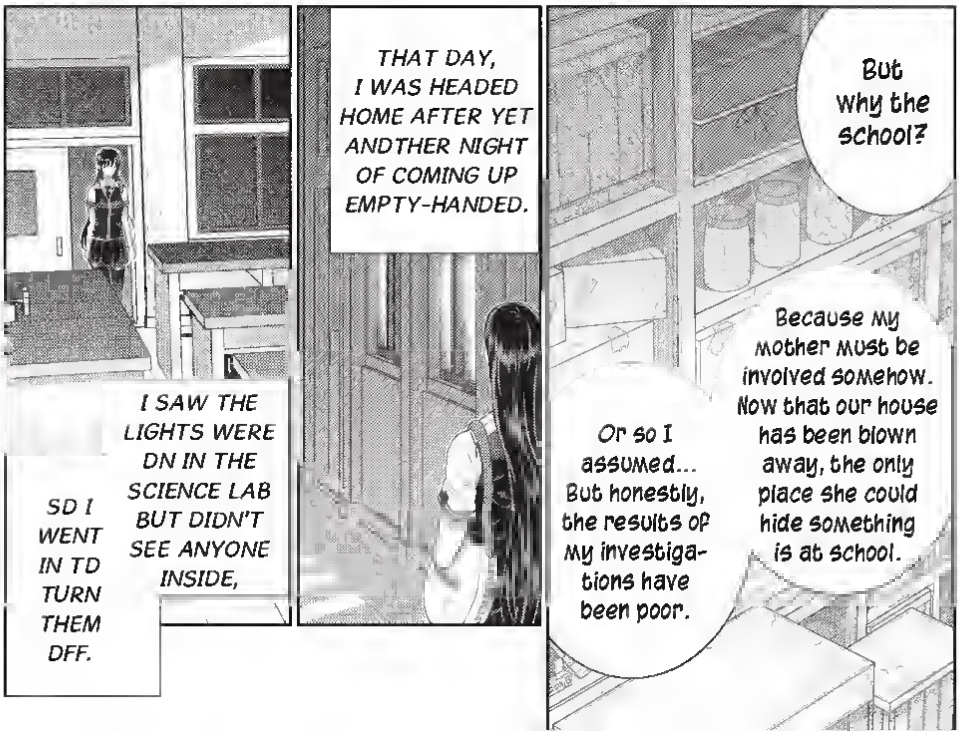
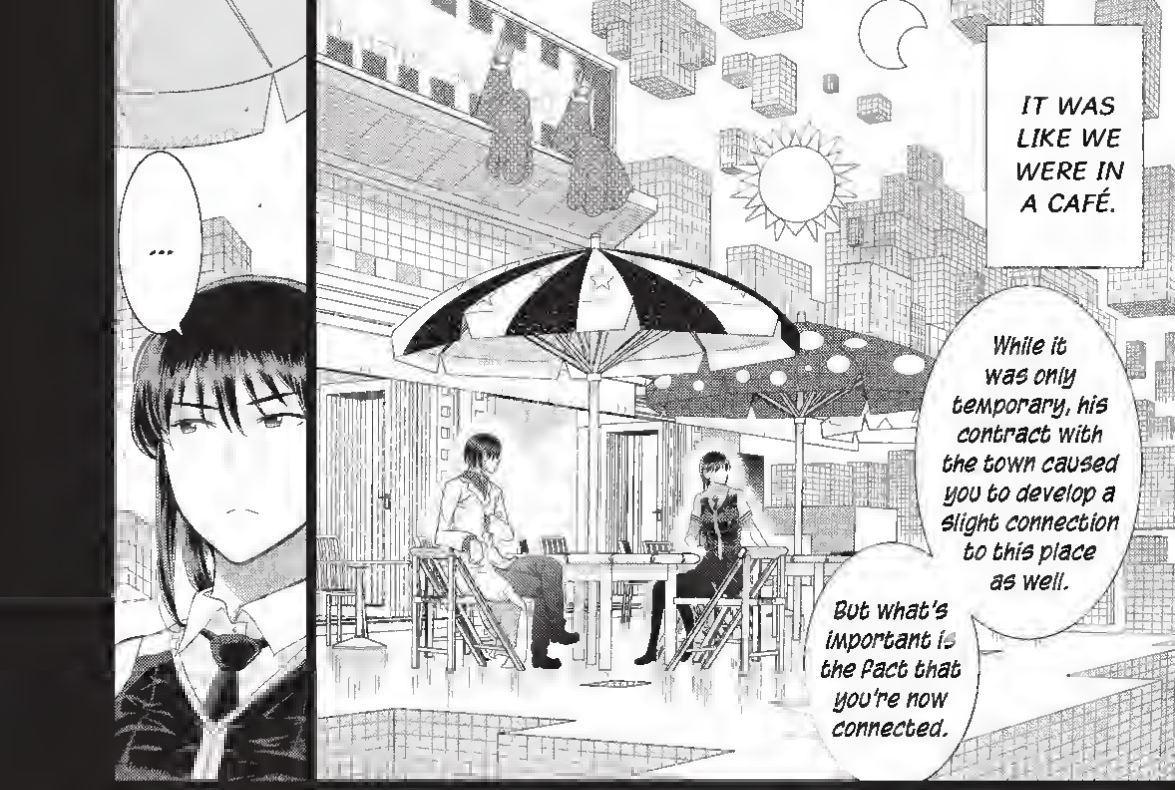
Wow.
Look at all this dust... Seems like this place has been abandoned for a while.
I'd guess it used to be a Workshop where magic was researched ...
By the way, that key...
A key you don't know the use for...?
It didn't seem to be the key for this place. How'd you get ahold of it?
...
I guess I hadn't told you yet.

I mentioned that before.
Yes. Every night after you go to sleep, I investigate any materials I can find related to your seals.
I guess she did say that she's looking into it in her own way...
THAT DAY, I SNUCK INTO THE SCHOOL LATE AT NIGHT, AS ALWAYS.
HUH? HOLD ON. SNEAKING INTO SCHOOL? AS AL- WAYS?
I got it just a few days ago,
around the beginning of this week, I think.


I SAW THE LIGHTS WERE ON IN THE SCIENCE LAB BUT DIDN'T SEE ANYONE INSIDE,
SO I WENT IN TO TURN THEM OFF.
THAT DAY, I WAS HEADED HOME AFTER YET ANOTHER NIGHT OF COMING UP EMPTY-HANDED.
But why the school?
Because my mother must be involved somehow. Now that our house has been blown away, the only place she could hide something is at school.
Or so I assumed... But honestly, the results of my investigations have been poor.

JUST THEN, THE STRANGEST THING HAPPENED.
THE WORLD IN FRONT OF ME CHANGED COMPLETELY
AND THAT MAN APPEARED.
Hey, Princess.
I know you probably don't want to talk to me very much, but please bear with me for a moment.
No reason to stand and talk. Have a seat.
MR. MIKAGE ?!
Yes.

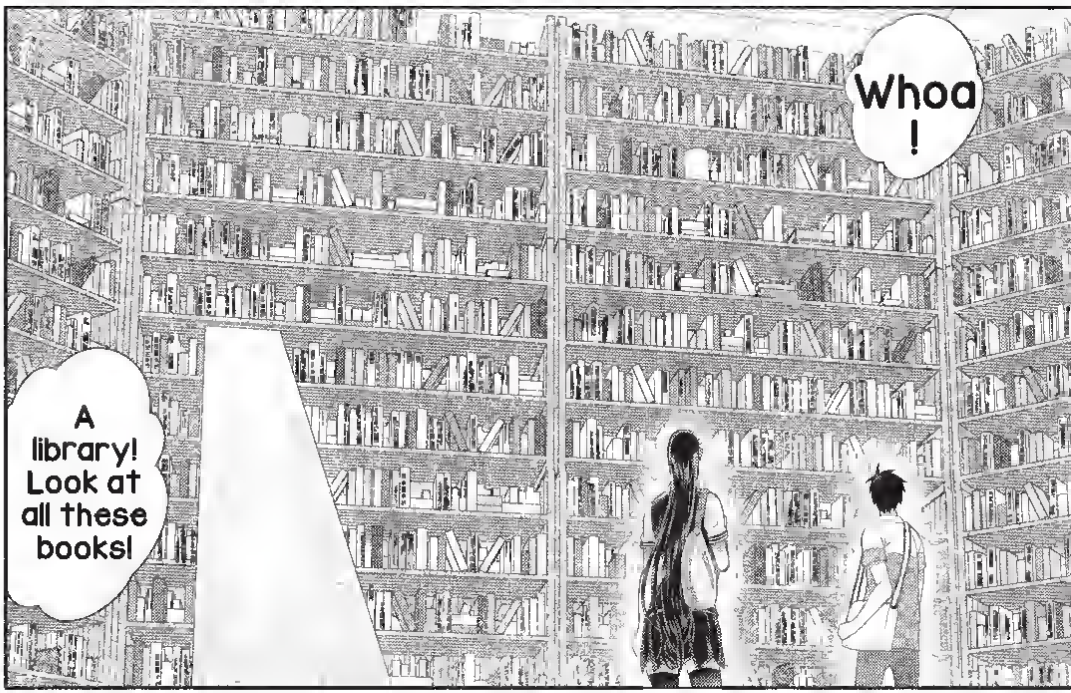

IT WAS LIKE WE WERE IN A CAFÉ.
...
While it was only temporary, his contract with the town caused you to develop a slight connection to this place as well.
But what's important is the fact that you're now connected.

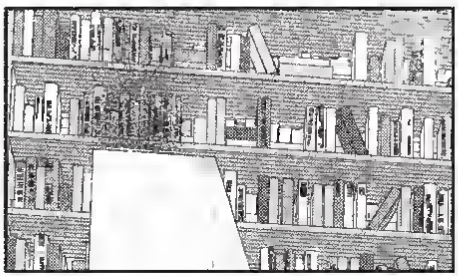
...?

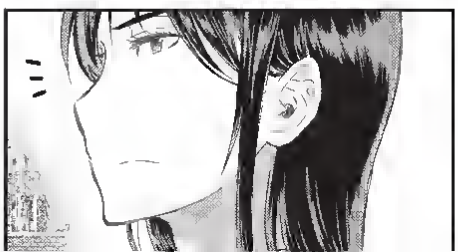
I'm returning this to you.
I've fulfilled my promise.
SLIP

I'd planned to wait for him to call on me, but that's become difficult, you see.
...
The rest is up to you two. I wish you good luck.

But why did Mr. Mikage wait until now to give us a hint?
First he revealed that he was the one to erase my memory, and now he gives you a key?
So that's why you came here... and why you don't know what it opens.
Yes.
A MOMENT LATER, I WAS ALREADY BACK IN THE SCIENCE LAB.
I REMEMBERED SEEING THE KEY HE GAVE ME SOMEWHERE IN MY HOME BEFORE
CREAK
CREAK
There are stairs over there.
Let's look around some other areas.
Okay
SNAP
パラ
He's always been a shady man... I think it's best to be suspicious of anything he says.
No idea ...
But... I don't care whether it is or not. Just as long as we can make progress.
Even this key could be a trap.


Whoa!
A library! Look at all these books!





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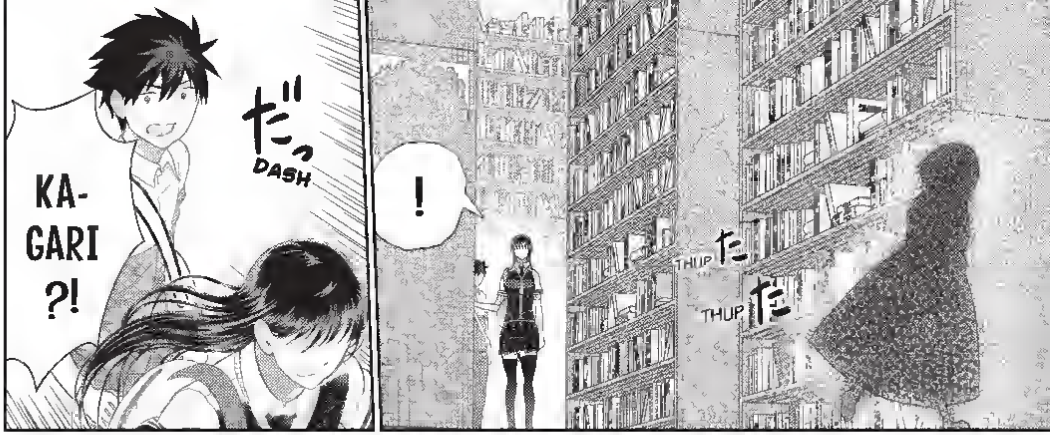
THUP
THUP
What was that ...!
Huh?
HUSSH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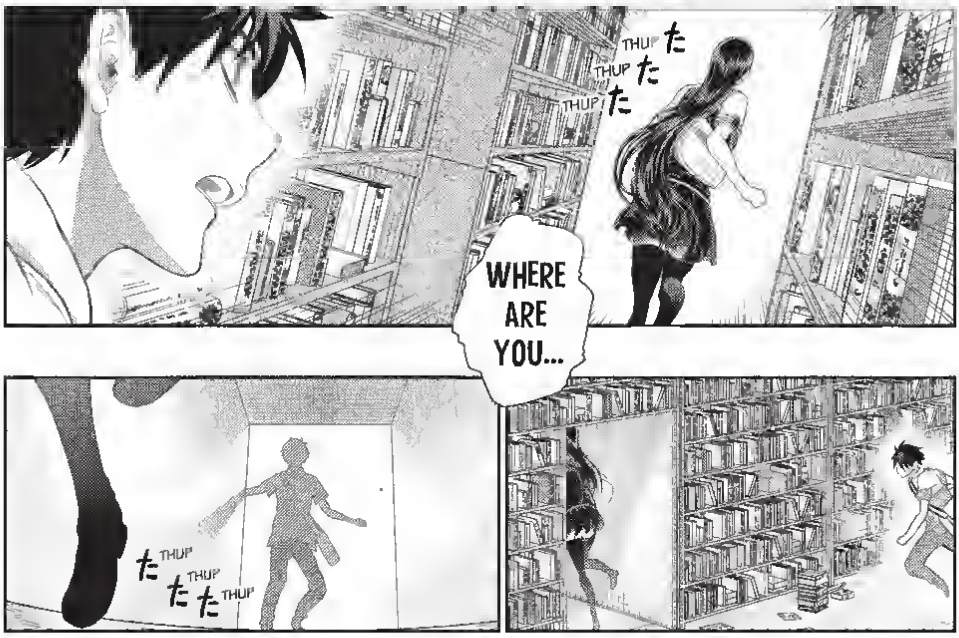
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YOU...
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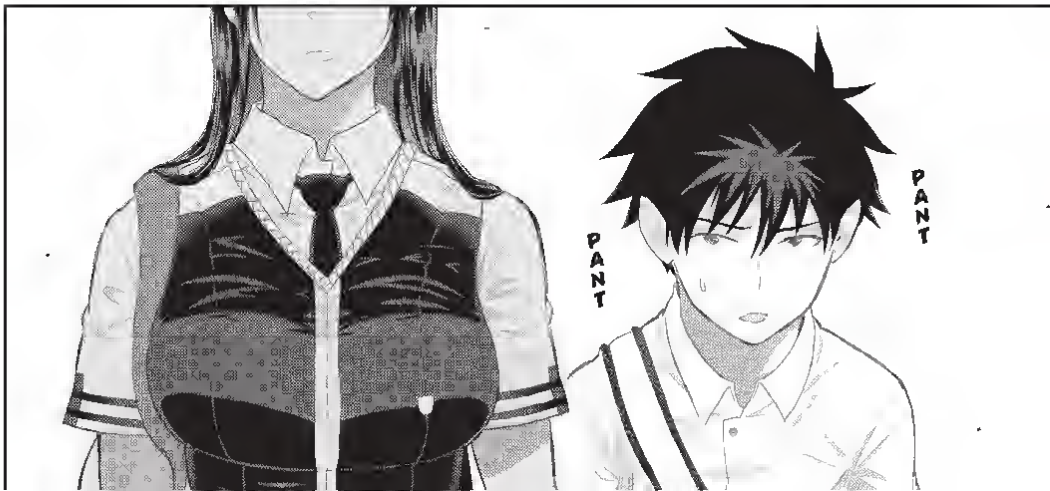
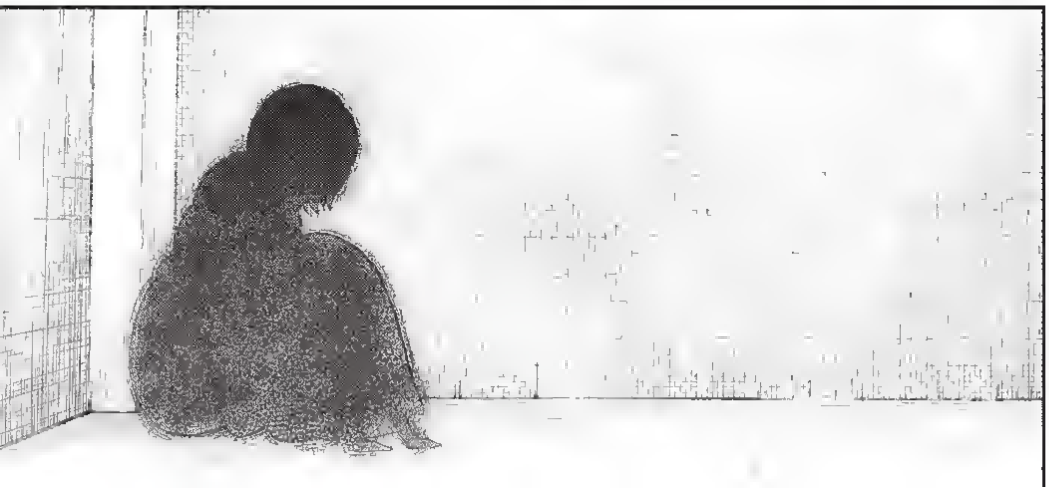
THUP


PANT
PANT

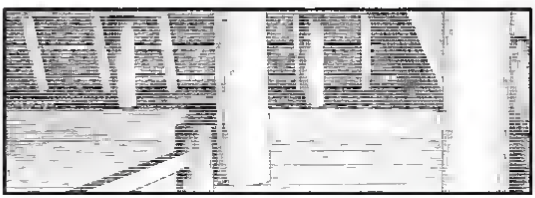
Where are we ...?

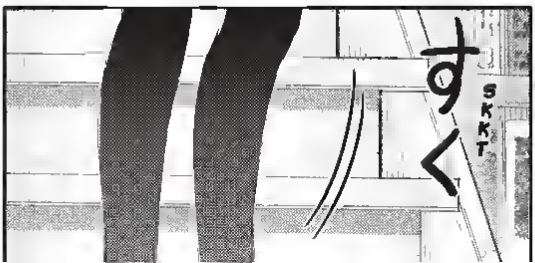


THUP
THUP
THUP
BAM
KAGARI ...?!

...

Are you okay?
...
Yes.
I just felt dizzy for a moment.

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SKKT

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STEP
STEP
"Just remembered" ...?
There's a place I just remembered. Let's go there.
During middle school, yes...
But you said you never went near this place when you lived here.
It's only a vague sense, but...
before Middle school...in other words, before I lost my memory ...
I want to say that I spent a little time here.

Over here.
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SFFF
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A HIDDEN ROOM ...!
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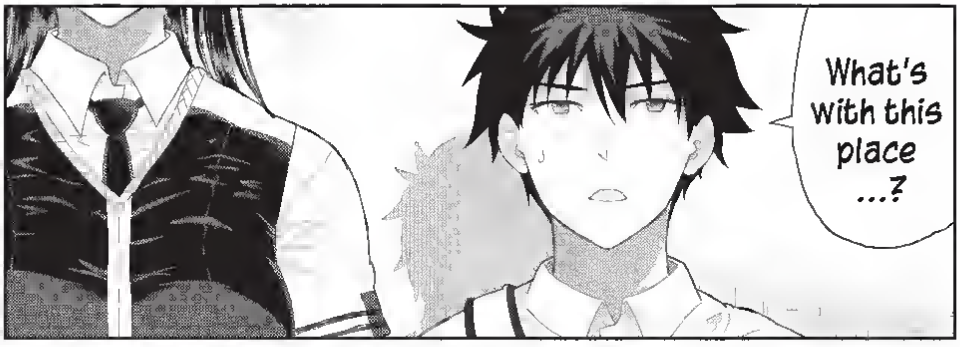
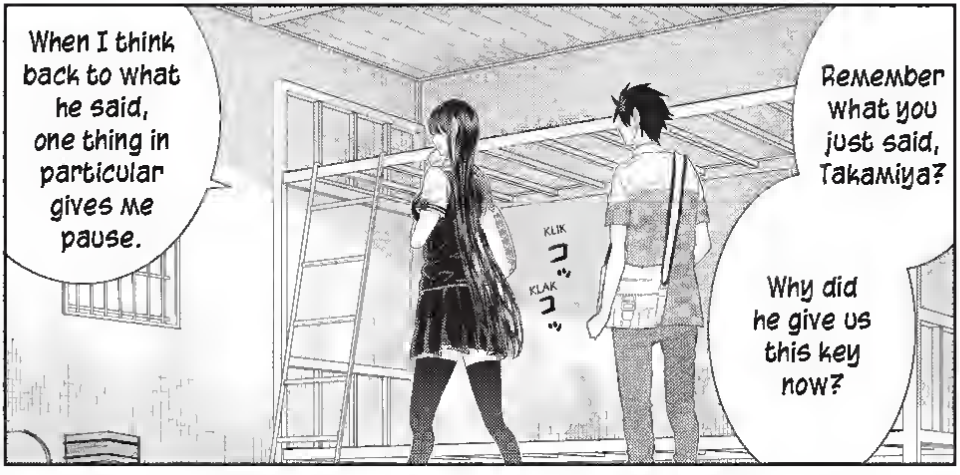
CREAK
ガチャ
GACHAK


What's with this place ...?


When I think back to what he said, one thing in particular gives me pause.
Remember what you just said, Takamiya?
Why did he give us this key now?
KLIK
KLAK

somewhere in this room...
My guess is...

"I'm returning this key to you. I've fulfilled my promise."
"Returning" ...
"Promise" ...

I hope my older sister doesn't find it and dispel it, but ..
It'll likely be years before you see it.
Umm, so this magic is a residual fragment of my consciousness that I left here...
Anyway, this is a gift from me...
ズズ
LOOM

ばっ
BAM

What's wrong?
ズキ
THROB
!
KAGARI !

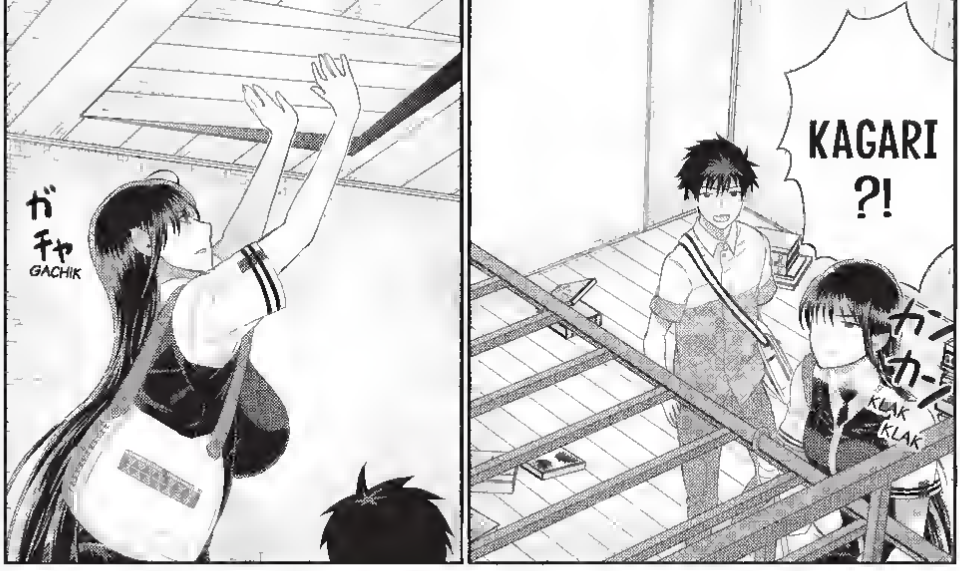
So you understand the situation?
I'm going to erase your memory.
ミス...
SFF
What about him?
It's already been done. You need to shoulder his fate for him...
...
...
Right now, my only choice is to obey...

He's not weak, after all.
He risked his life to save me.
But I'll prove it to you one day...
That this way of doing things... is wrong.
Something that not a single one of you adults could do.

So it was all predetermined.
The contract with the town... was the condition that had to be met...
Kagari... are you okay?
This key...
I had entrusted this key to that man...
HUH?

I'll return this to you.
Right now, you two are weak.
But some day, when you decide that you need to pursue it, to fight...
ズズ"
ZZFF

I'll wait as long as it takes for that day to come...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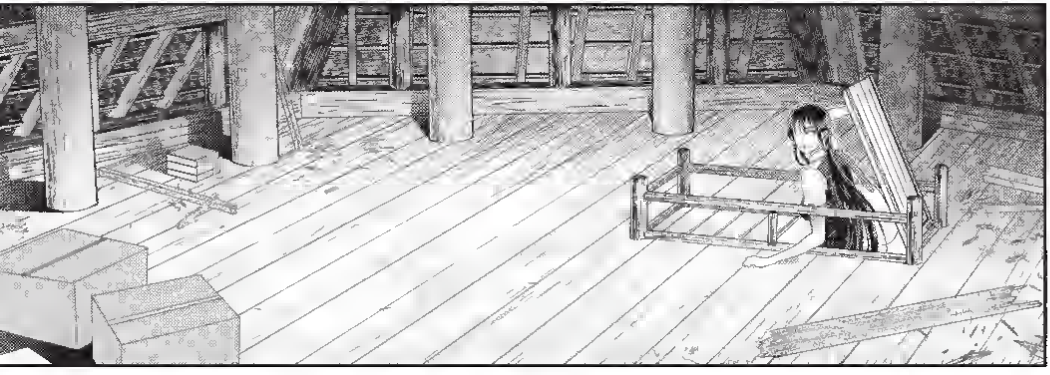
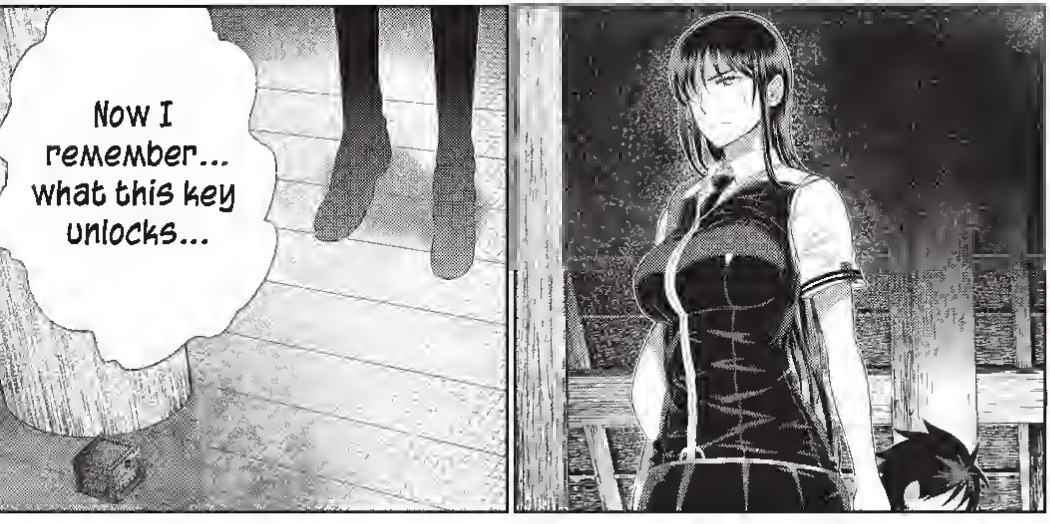
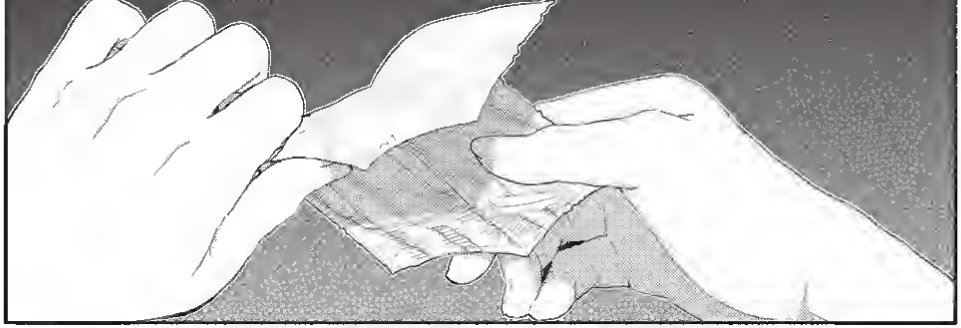
KAGARI ?!
カンカン
KLAK KLAK

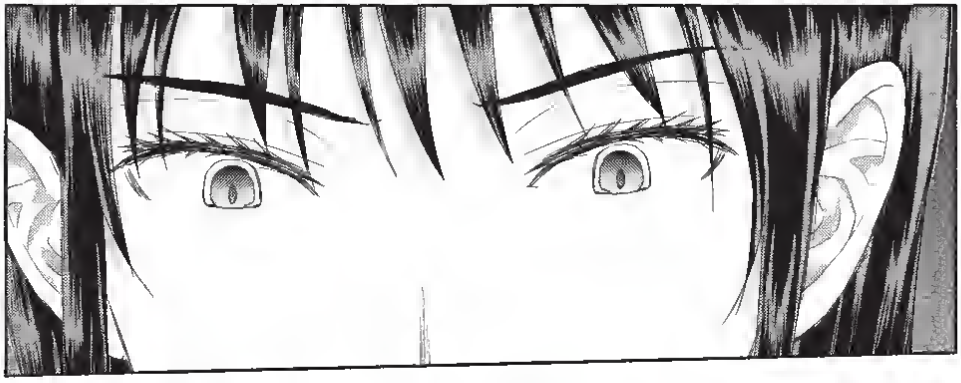



Now I remember... what this key unlocks...

It wasn't for very long, but... here...we'd always...

カチ!
KACHIK





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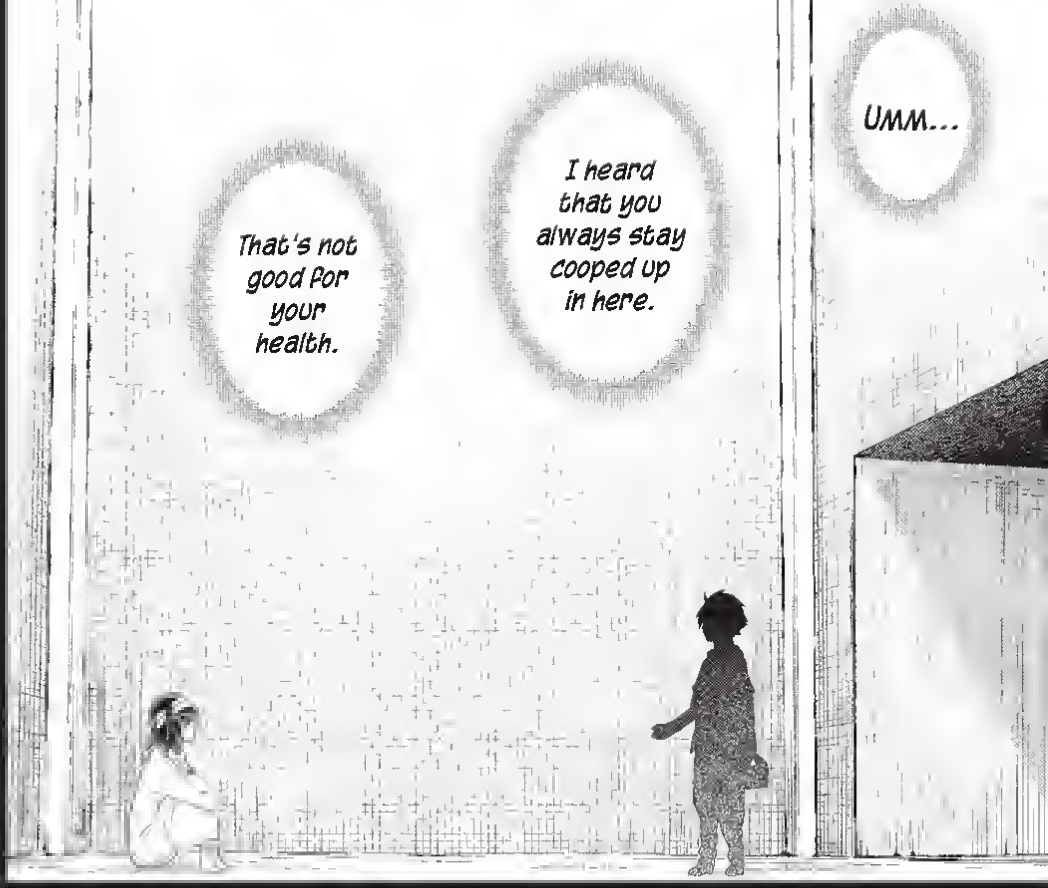
火々里
KAGARI
We've finally found it. This must be where they were headed.
It even says Kagari on the name-plate.
They have to be inside.

Yet judging by the size of this building, we'll have more than two enemies to deal with.
We must proceed with caution.
BOYS, IT'S TIME FOR PLAN C! INFILTRATE THE BUILDING WITH-OUT ANYONE NOTICING!
WE'LL AMBUSH THEM!!
LET'S GO!
Rab-bit!
BAM

CHAPTER 36 Takamiya and the Meeting with Kagari

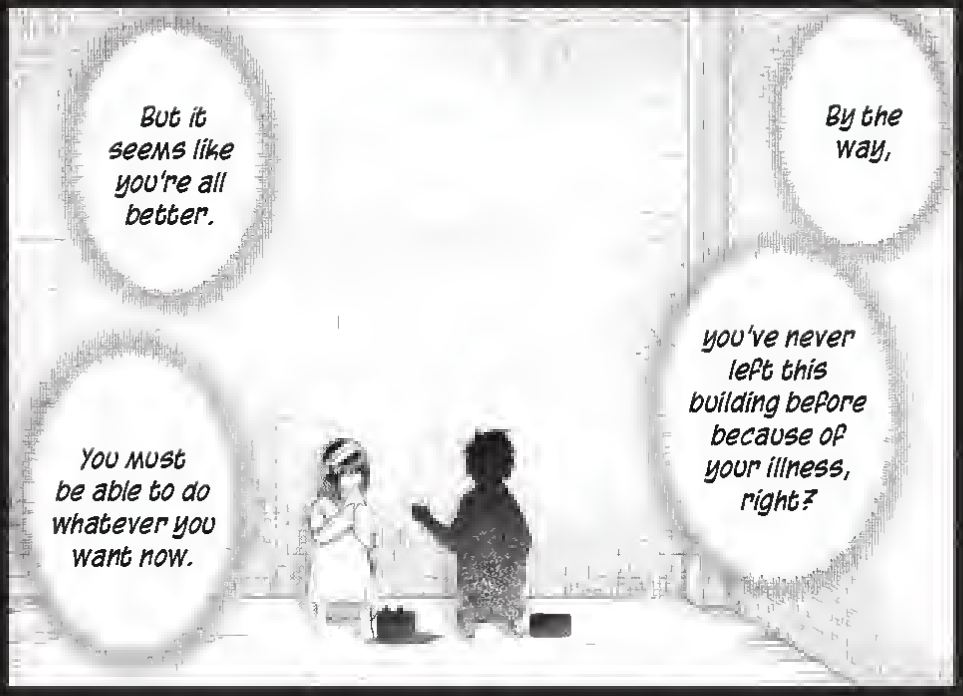
Hello.
My name is Honoka Takamiya.
I think this is the first time we've met.
I've heard about you.
They said you were sick for a while.
That you were asleep for a long time.


Umm...
I heard that you always stay cooped up in here.
That's not good for your health.

Let's start by leaving this place.

Then I'll stay here, too.
ポフ
POOF
!
Oh...
SHAKE
フル
SHAKE
フル
Your maid actually gave me a lunch box to bring here.
There's one for you, too.

Yeah... you don't have to be so cautious.
I'm here because I followed my master...er, teacher.
I'm helping her with her work.
I'm no one to be suspicious of.
Only on days that we don't have school, of course.
But I kind of messed up this time...
So I have to wait until it's all over.


But it seems like you're all better.
By the way,
you've never left this building before because of your illness, right?
You must be able to do whatever you want now.

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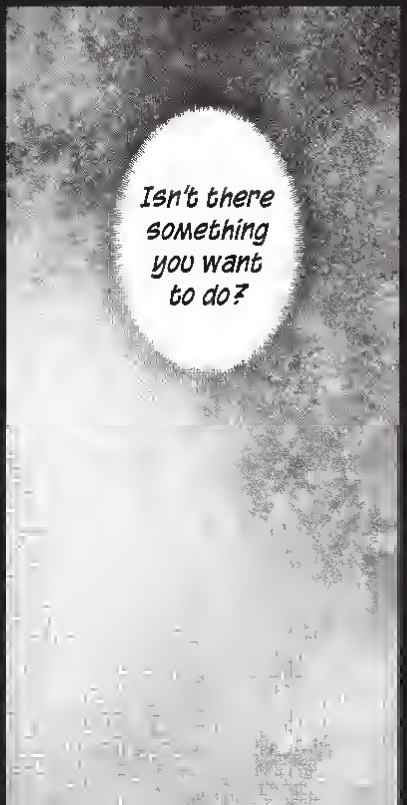
Isn't there something you want to do?

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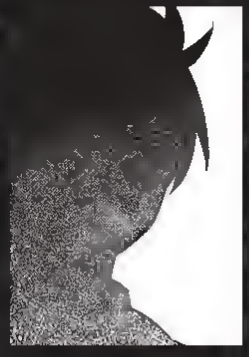

I... don't know...
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GRAB
!

THUP
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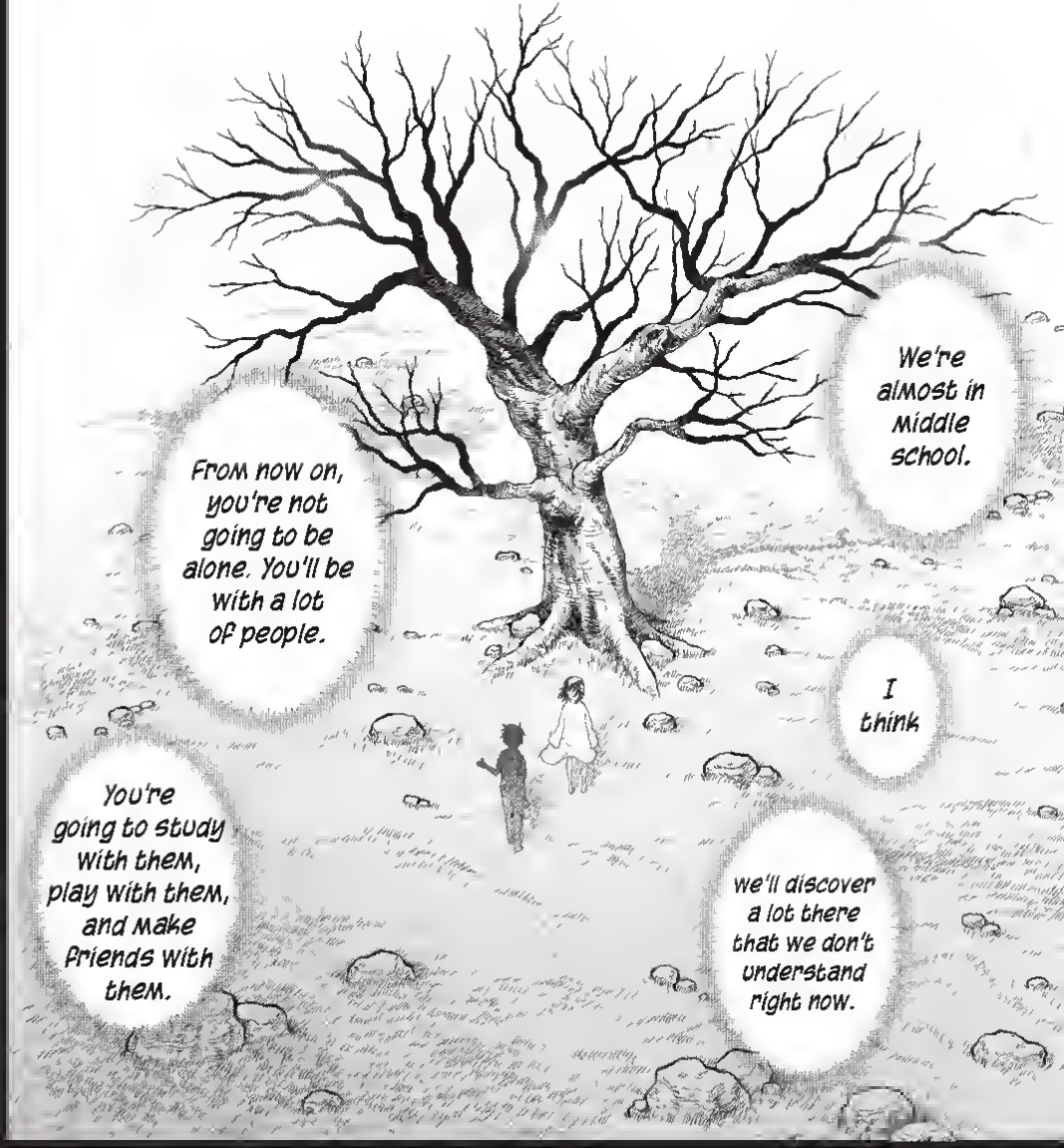
THUP
Come With Me!

You can get to the attic from here.
This way.

Can you lie down on top of that mark over there?
...
I actually did some exploring around this place before I met you...
and set up a little magic trick.
しぶ
HMPH しぶ
...
STARE
じと—
It's okay, I'm not going to do anything weird.
I swear to god!
There's ...
something you want to know, right?
...!

Just believe in me.
Close your eyes,
then take a deep breath, and...

Beautiful, isn't it?
I came here before with my teacher. I really like this place.
A lot of things you see right now...
May seem dark and cloudy.
You might be confused about many things,
Which makes you feel uneasy.
But that's just temporary
It'll clear up some day.


We're almost in middle school.
From now on, you're not going to be alone. You'll be with a lot of people.
I think
You're going to study with them, play with them, and make friends with them.
we'll discover a lot there that we don't understand right now.
You're going to get back what you lost.

You've started on a new path.

What's wrong, Kagari?
You're spacing out.
No, it's nothing.

That photo...
That's... the two of us, right?
We look pretty young, though...
I wonder when it's from.

That's what the photo means, right?
In other words, you and I knew each other then...

Probably before we started Middle school ...
Or some-where around then.
So 6th grade... or when we were about 12?

Right.
You and I...
First met in this building, I think.
We did?
I didn't think I had any connection to your family home in the past, though.

Remember what your mother said?
You once did something like the Boy Scouts with my mother.
Oh, you're right.
The chairwoman is part of the Kagari family, so... I guess it's totally possible she brought me here before.

But we don't know why.
Where did you go with my mother, and what were you doing there?
Could that be important ...?

KREAK
This is...

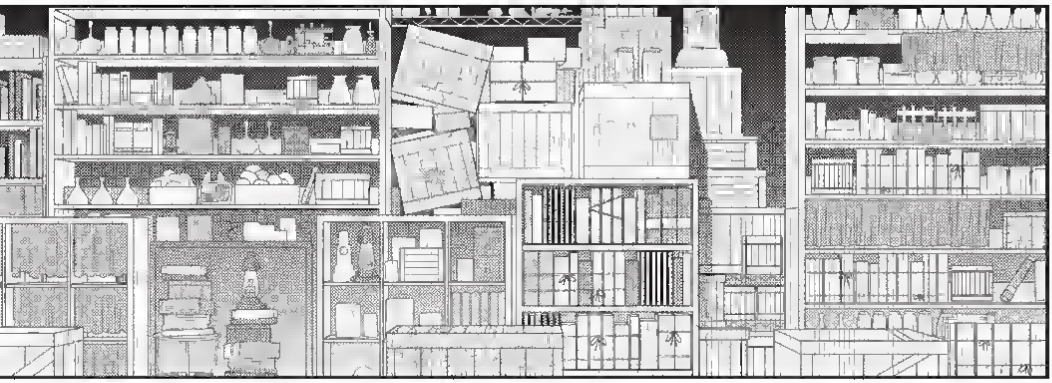
...
I actually did some exploring around this place before I met you...
and set up a little magic trick.

Let's go back.
ムク
BIG
HUH ?
PAT
PAT

W-We're going back? But we haven't done anything...
We got a clue. There's no point in lingering.

Kagari, you've been freezing up a lot since we got here. Are you okay?
Huh ?
...
Yeah.
...

It's also my turn to make dinner tonight. We have to stop by the supermarket on the way home.
Ah ha ha...

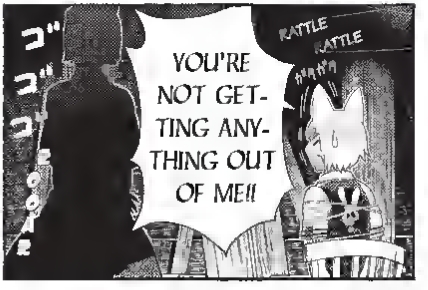


カチャ
KACHAK
Takamiya, be cautious once we go outside, just as you were when we first came in.
We need to avoid being seen by anyone from the house.
Okay ...

CRAAAAAP! HOW DID THEY FIND ME SO FAST ?!?!
BOOM

THEY EASILY ESCAPED.
Oh, Kagari, what about your bag?
I'll have Natsume bring it to me later.
That black thing is a Mikage family familiar...
...
ISN'T THAT...

Furry-ear, Captured



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Let's eat them together! ♪
てLAA-てDE-てDAA
Hum-de-dumm... Honokaaa! I went and made macarons!
O-Of course!
I guess it must have happened on that overnight trip...
There, there
Takamiya, I...
BOO / \"7" BAH / \"7"
Will you take responsibility?
gave birth to a child. Just by looking at her, she's clearly yours.
HO-NO-KAA AAA AAA
THE PRINCESS IS TRYING TO TRICK YOU! LOOK! IT'S GOT EARS!! I DEMAND A DNA TEST!!!
Ah ha ha ha ha
ガラガラ RUMBLE RUMBLE
TAKE A BETTER LOOK! THAT'S CLEARLY A BROOD PARASITE!!
H-HANG ON! WHAT'RE YOU SAYING HONOKA?

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CHAPTER 37 Takamiya and Mom's Old Scar

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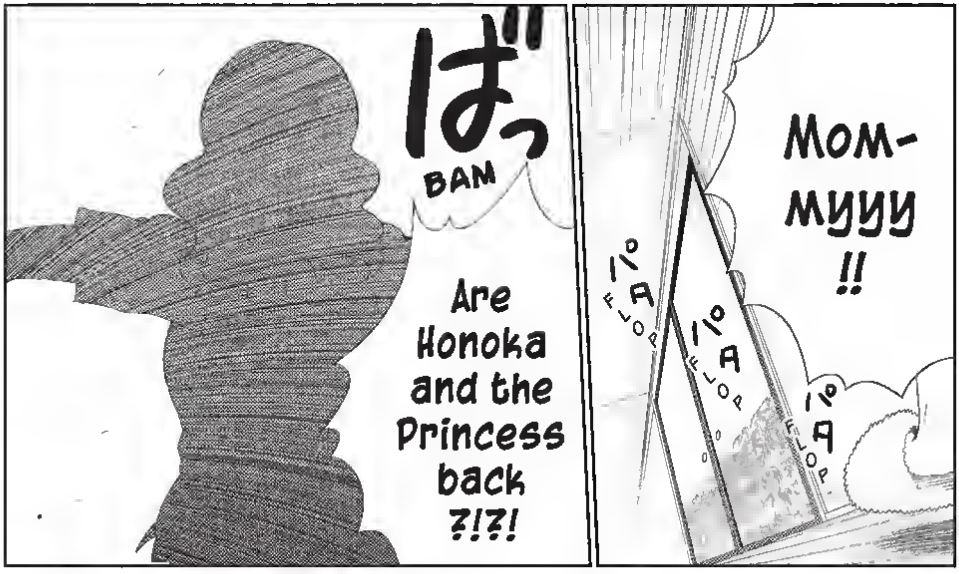
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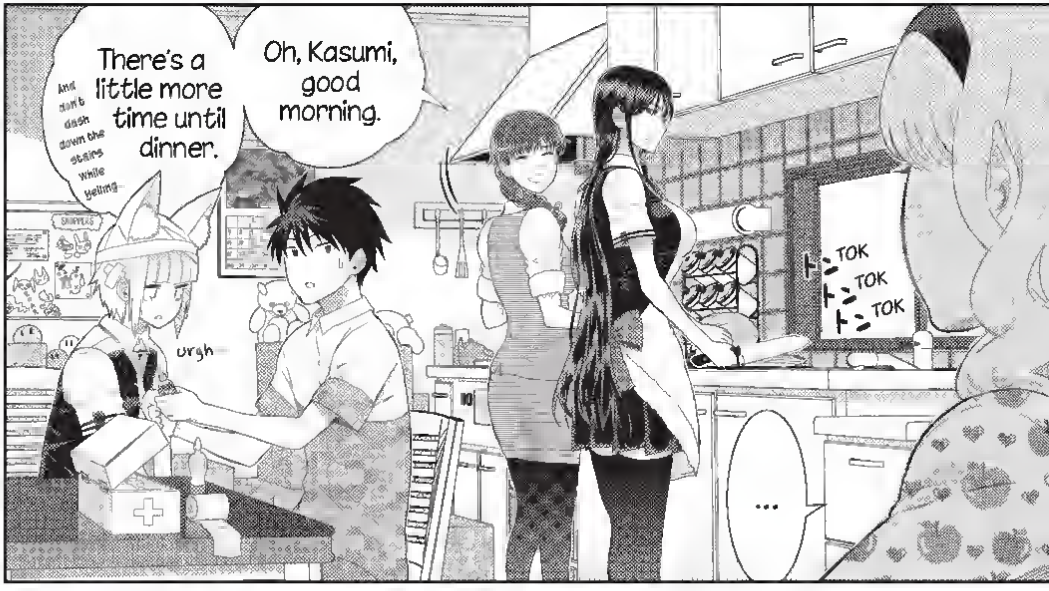
BAM
Are Honoka and the Princess back ?!?!
Mom-myyy !!
パタパタパタ
FLOP
FLOP
FLOP


There's a little more time until dinner.
And don't dash down the stairs while yelling.
Oh, Kasumi, good morning.
urgh
トン TOK
トン TOK
トン TOK
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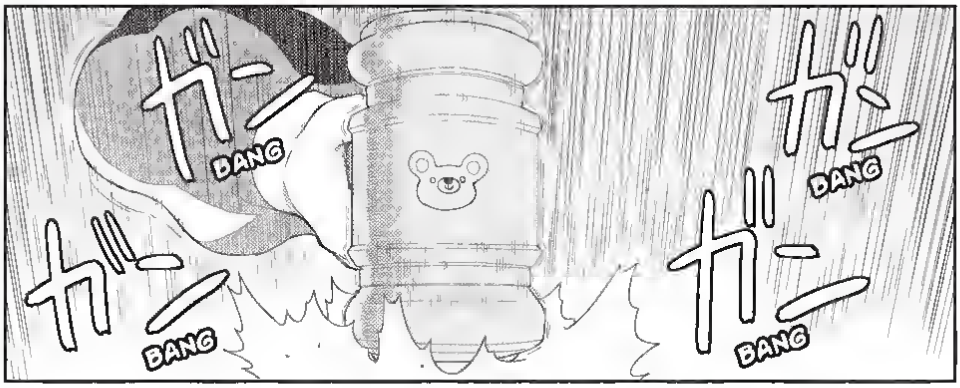
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DANG
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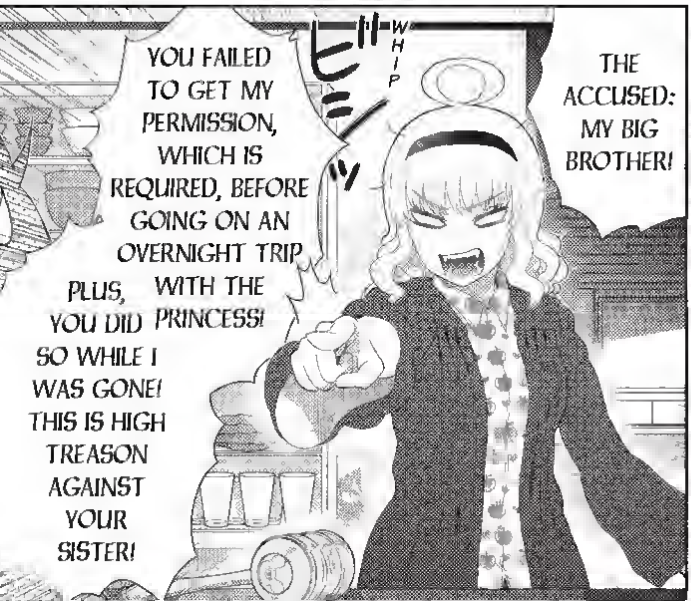
DANG

I REALIZE THIS IS SUDDEN,
BUT THE TRIAL AGAINST THE TAKAMIYA FAMILY'S ELDER BROTHER IS NOW IN SESSION.


WHIP
ヒュッ
YOU FAILED TO GET MY PERMISSION, WHICH IS REQUIRED, BEFORE GOING ON AN OVERNIGHT TRIP WITH THE PRprincess!
PLUS, YOU DID SO WHILE I WAS GONE! THIS IS HIGH TREASON AGAINST YOUR SISTER!
THE ACCUSED: MY BIG BROTHER!

GRIT
キリ
Wh...
What's the big deal all of a sudden, Kasumi?

I KNOW THIS HAS TO BE A PLOT BY THE PRINCESS, BUT YOU'RE AT FAULT FOR GOING ALONG WITH EVERYTHING SHE SAYS!
Whaa?
UHM, COULD YOU PLEASE FOCUS ON THIS?
Oh, right.
TUG TUG
SUSPICION IS GROUNDS FOR PUNISHMENT! IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE GUILTY!! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
YOU NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE MY BROTHER, BROTHER!!

GUILT-YYYY!!!!
DANG
DANG
DANG
GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY!

AGH...
Thank you for helping meowt.
ちょん DAB
ちょん DAB

This is going to sting a little bit. Hang in there.

ぐつ
BUBBLE
ぐつ
BUBBLE
トン
TOK
トン
TOK
You're nothing like Kazane
You ok now?
My legs hurt, too.
プル
TREMBLE
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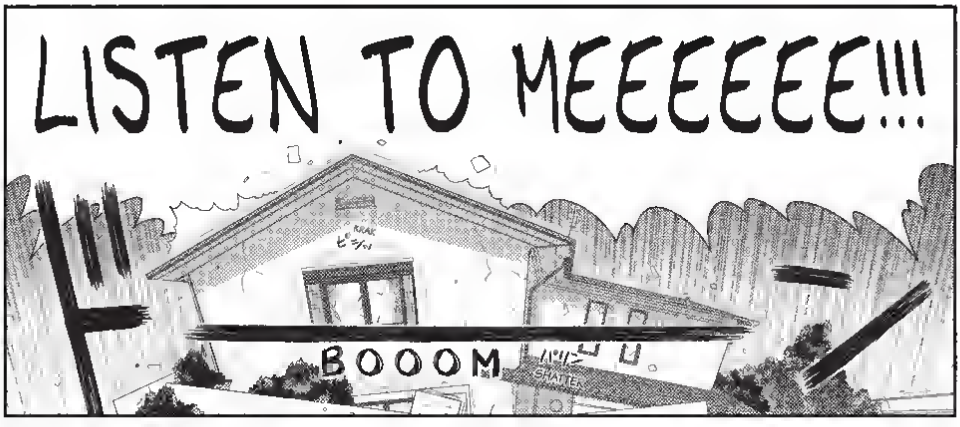
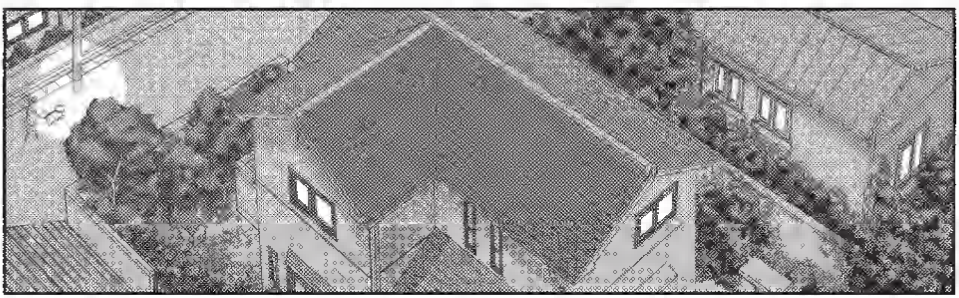
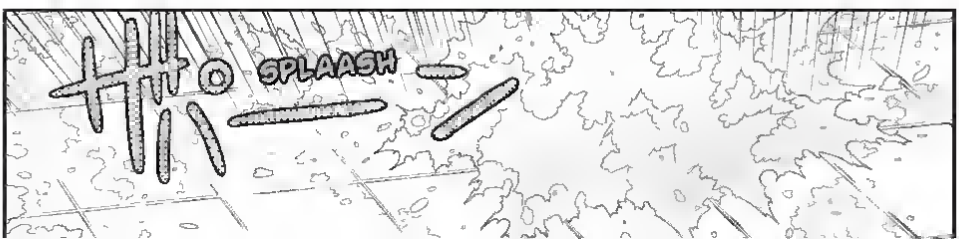
TREMBLE
Ayaka, your knife skills are amazing!
Eh heh heh


LISTEN TO MEEEEEEE!!!
BOOOM
SHATTER

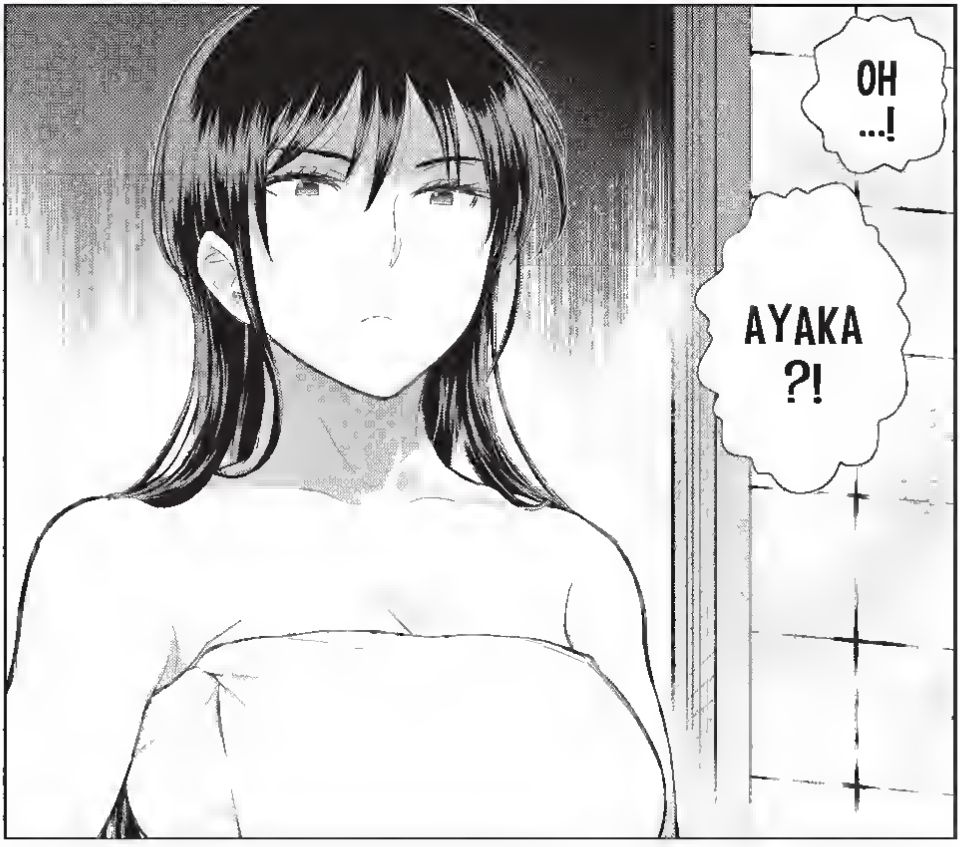
I'm not leaving your side for the rest of the day, Honoka. We're spending the rest of the day together, then going to sleep together!
ムス
HARUMPH
It's only fair after the Princess had you all to herself yesterday!

MOM, MAY I SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU?
Oh dear.
...




SPLAASH

ガラッ
RATTLE
カポーン
KLANK
Oh, that Kasumi... She can't let go of her brother at all...
I wonder if I raised her wrong ...
SCRUB わしゃわしゃ SCRUB

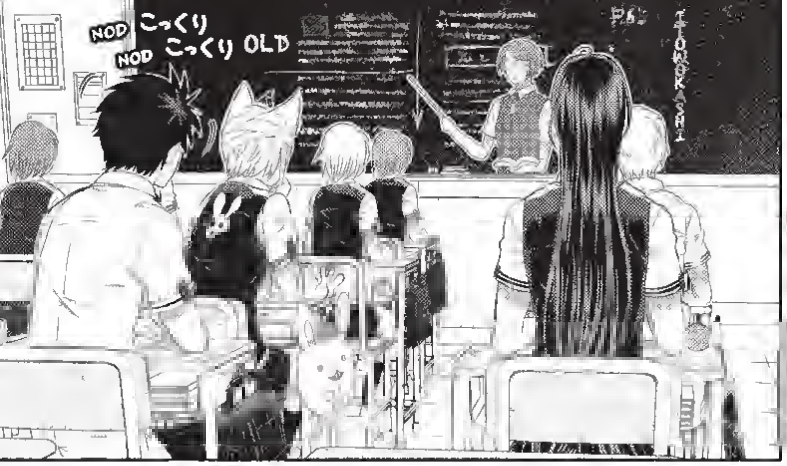

OH ...!
AYAKA ?!

You're going to play games with me all night instead of sleeping, okay?!
Whaa ?
Just hurry up and pick a quest!
Okay, okay ...

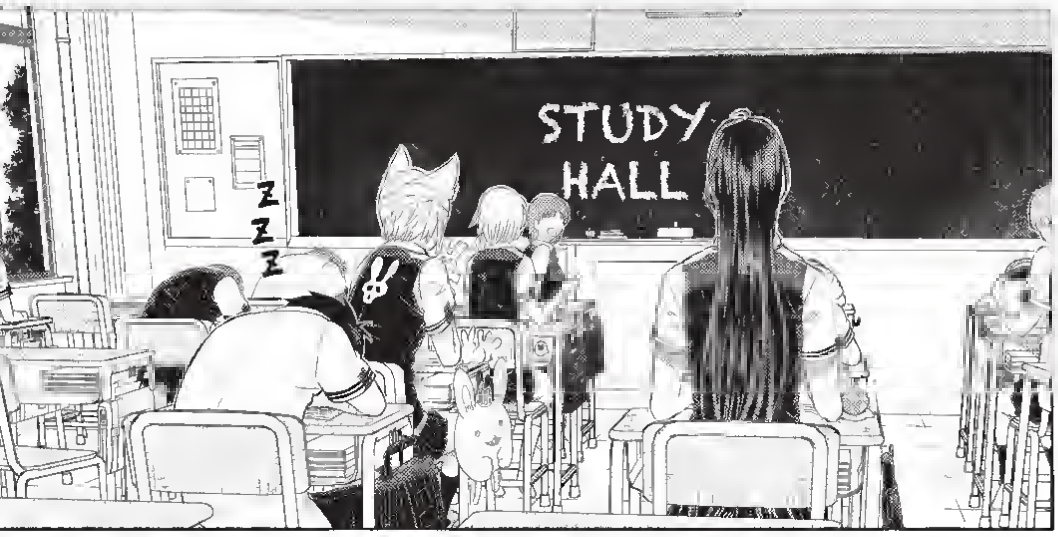
CHIRP
CHIRP
Takamiya
PANT PANT

Starting today, I'm never leaving your side.
Got that ?!
YAWN
...

Not forgetting anything ?
Nope.
Mom, can I have a handkerchief?
Here you are, Tanpopo.
See you later.

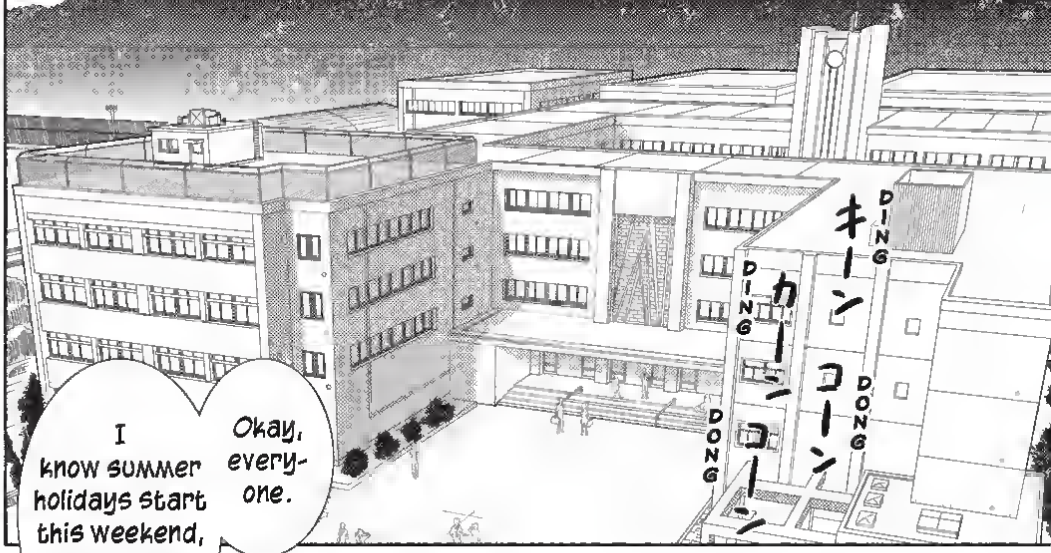

NOD こっくり
NOD こっくり OLD
PE
TOWER

come straight to the gates once school's out got it?!

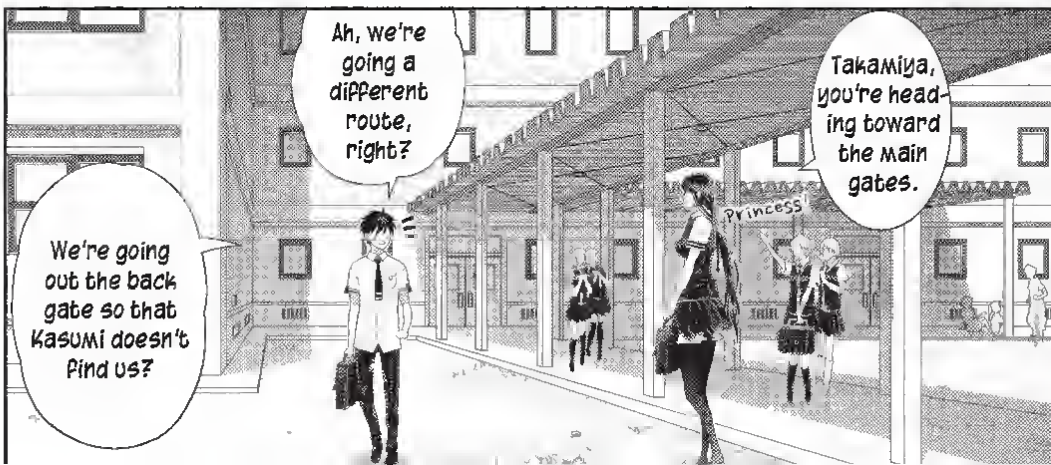

STUDY HALL
ZZZ

...

zzz すぅ すぅ zzz

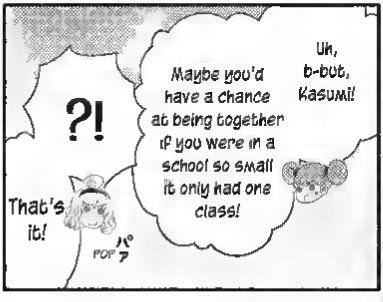

DING
キーン
DONG
コーン
DING
カーン
DONG
コーン
DONG
I know summer holidays start this weekend, but don't get lazy...
Okay, everyone.

Huh?! School's already out?
カバン
Bye Princess!
LATER
We're on a shortened schedule this week.
Oh, now that you say it...
Get ready to leave.
What a nap.
* yawn *
Hey guys!
ぐーぐー...
STRETCH

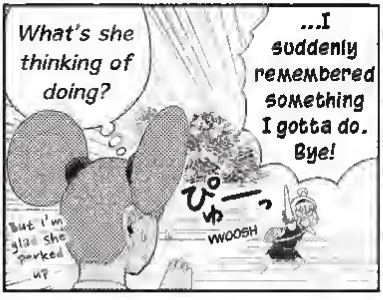

Ah, we're going a different route, right?
We're going out the back gate so that Kasumi doesn't find us?
Takamiya, you're heading toward the main gates.
Princess

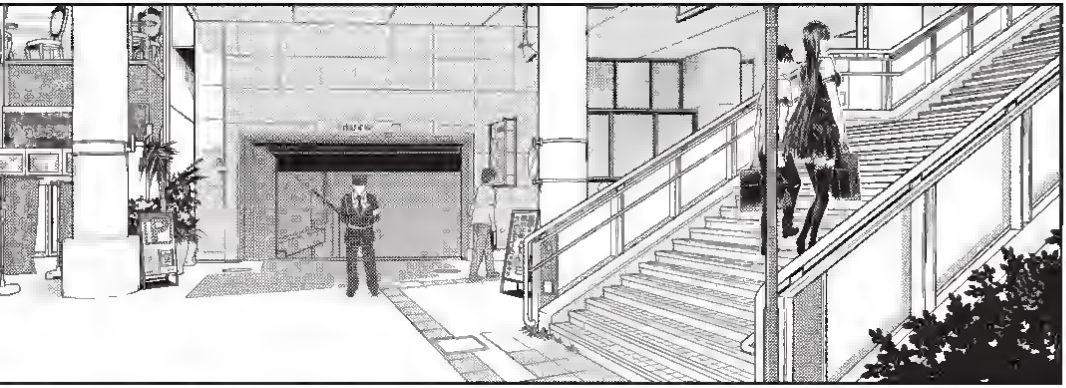
Sorry, Kasumi...
He's late ...
...
...Late.
Who made such a law...?
WHA?!
Tanu-tanu ...
Why don't they put siblings in the same class...?
We've only been here for 2 minutes!!
C-Calm down, Kasumi!
HOW LONG! IS HE! GOING TO!! KEEP ME WAITING!!!
Kasumi's in a foul mood today...
STOMP STOMP
ドカドカドカ

I hate them!!!...
ポロ ポロ ポロ
DRIP DRIP DRIP
I hate whoever came up with that law!!!
ガ!!
SLAAM


?!
That's it!
POP
Maybe you'd have a chance at being together if you were in a school so small it only had one class!
Uh, b-but, Kasumi!

Whaa-aaaaat?!
Just when I thought she was mad, she starts crying!


What's she thinking of doing?
...I suddenly remembered something I gotta do. Bye!
But I'm glad she perked up.
WOOSH



So, Kagari.
Where are we going today?
We're almost there.

TOUKO ?!
Welco-meow !
MEOW!
TADAA
Ah, Takamiya and the Princess!
Costume Café NIRVANA
A café ...?

...
Ha ha... So Touko does odd jobs in all sorts of places.

Why did we come here?
So, Kagari ...

You kitties make yourself at home !

Actually, Takamiya,
I bathed together with your mother yesterday.
With my Mom?
Yes. There was something I wanted to see for myself.
Shhh!
Welcomeow! Natsume?
Y...
You surprised me by coming in here like that, Ayaka.
Ah... Are you lonely because Honoka was taken away from you?
Oh, it's all right. Come on in!

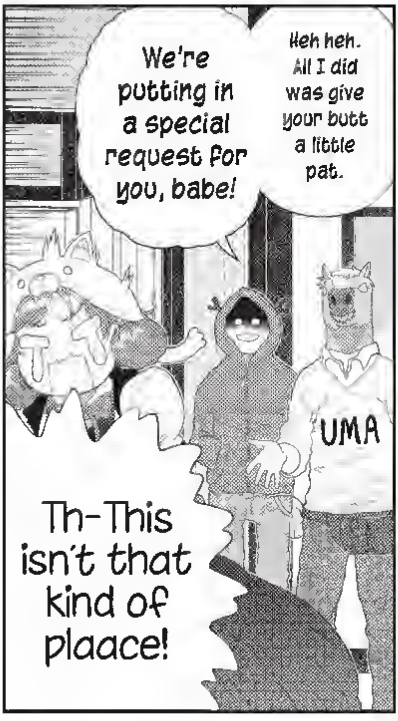
I mean, a scar this big on someone's back...
Oh... Did that shock you? I guess it would...
But don't worry. It's an old scar, so it doesn't hurt.
Could you rinse my back for me, then?
じー
STARE
...
There seems to be a reason you want to know...
SPLASH
What? You want to know more about it?
Why, Ayaka? This is... nothing.
Um... Th-That's right! I was attacked by a vicious chihuahua and...

I'm sorry, though.
I can't tell you.
むく
RISE
パラッ
FWIP
A-Ayaka?!

I thought they couldn't be related until I saw it.
But my scar is the same as your mother's.
That... scar...

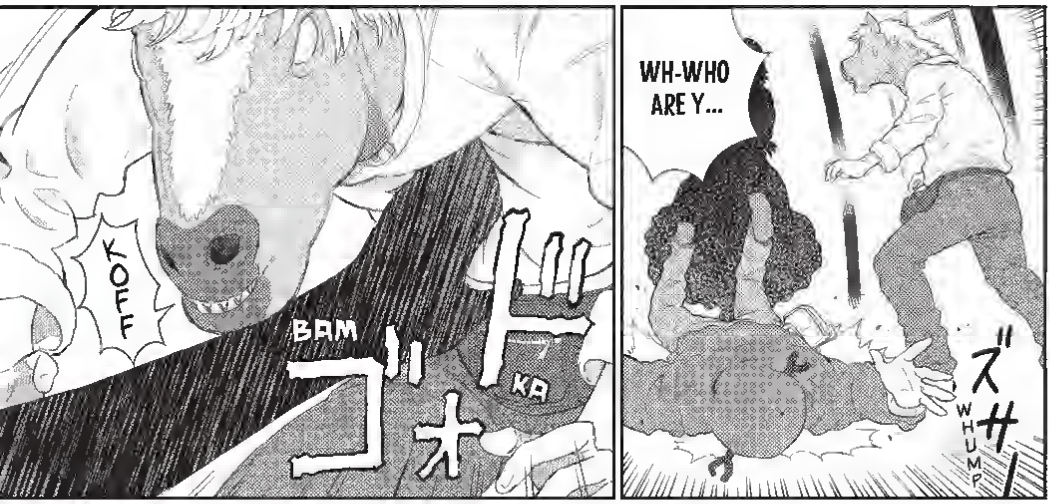
I felt certain of it then.
The same something caused both scars.

After she saw my scar, your mother thought for a bit...
She said she'd call her and arrange something.
Then said that if I had to know, I should ask her friend.
Welcomeow! Right this way
UMA
So we came here to meet this person ...?
That's right.


Heh heh. All I did was give your butt a little pat.
We're putting in a special request for you, babe!
UMA
Th-This isn't that kind of plaace!

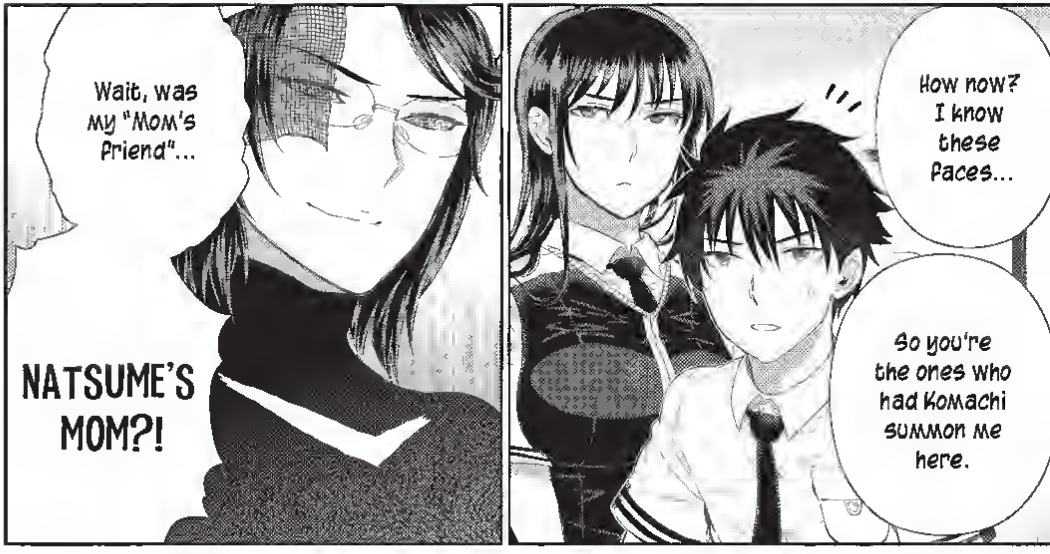
TWITCH
ビクッ
Aahh!!

SLAM
Hurk!
we gotta help her!
TOUKO!
KLATTER

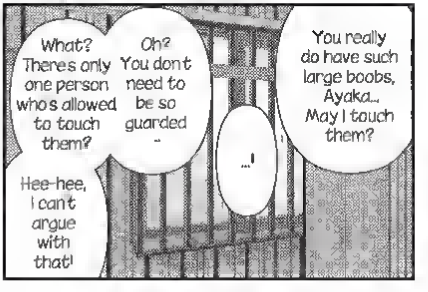

KOFF
BAM
KA
WH-WHO ARE Y...
WHUMP

Thank you so much!
...
Eeeek!

Hmph. Men are such idiots.
Isaac as
You're also to blame, Touko, leaving so many openings.
Unh... I'm sowwy, Auntie Shiori!


Wait, was my "Mom's friend"...
NATSUME'S MOM?!
How now? I know these paces...
So you're the ones who had Komachi summon me here.

Bath-time Talk


What? There's only one person who's allowed to touch them?
Oh? You don't need to be so guarded -
...!
You really do have such large boobs, Ayaka... May I touch them?
Hee-hee, I can't argue with that!

Witchcraft Works

BA-BAM
BAM
BOOM

Um... Are you ready to order...?
The mood seems a little heavy...
...

Then I think I'll take one of each dessert on the menu.
And a coffee.
?!
Every-thing?!

...
Ah, I'll have an iced tea.
And the usual for the Princess.

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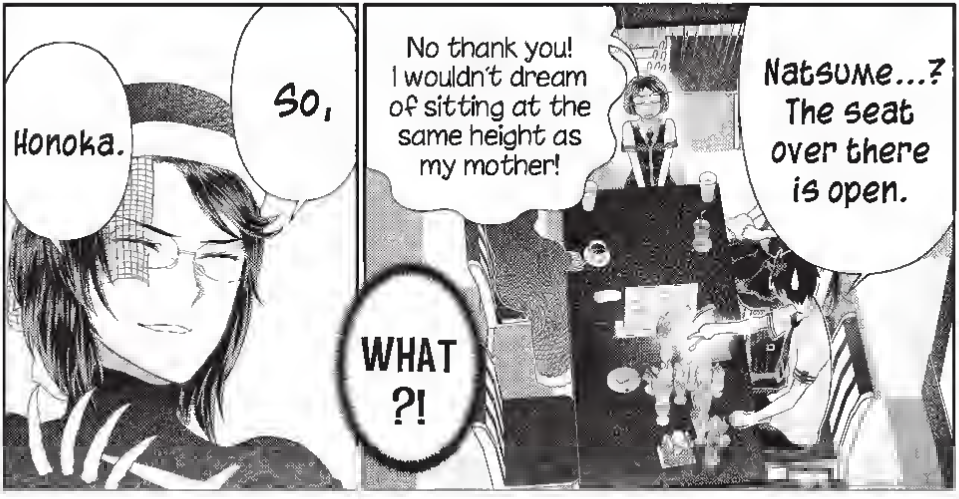
ズ
ZWO
ラ
OOM
コト
KLUTCH
カチャ
Hmm? Why are these parfaits in front of me?
It's my treat today.
GRIN
にこっ
No need to be modest, please eat up!

NATSUME SAID SHE WAS STRICT... YET SHE'S ANYTHING BUT
UMM, THIS ISN'T HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE HER...
NOM
THAT GIRL WITH THE EARS WAS AS DEPRESSED AS I'VE EVER SEEN HER YESTERDAY, SO I ASSUMED THAT SHE'S TERRIFYING...
...
HUH ...?
I doubt you remember, but when you were little, I used to play with you often at Komachi's house.
So this is our first meeting in ages!
It's an auspicious day. Now go on, eat!
Uh, okay.

NATSUME! I KNOW YOU'RE THERE!! GET OUT HERE!!!
PFFT
Why is my mom here...?
I need to run away...
CREEP
ソローリ

ドバ
BA
AM
ASIMOV

...


So,
Honoka.
No thank you! I wouldn't dream of sitting at the same height as my mother!
WHAT ?!
Natsume...? The seat over there is open.

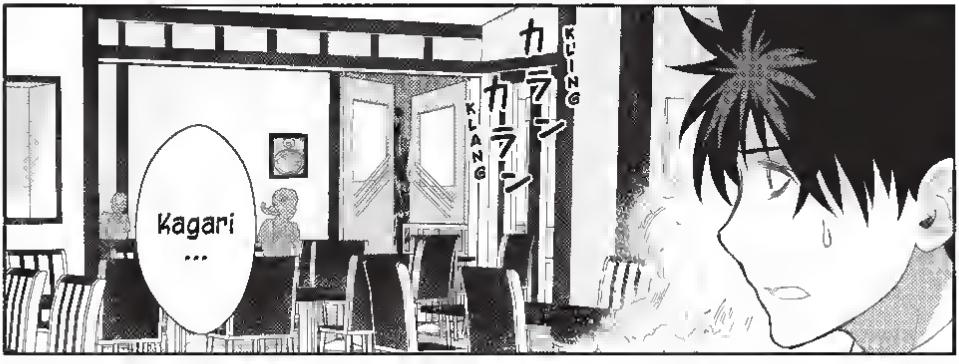
Ah, Honoka. You have some whipped cream on your...
ゴボ ゴボ
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

Whoa!
ゴウ
WOOSH
Could you please not flirt with Takamiya? Act your age,
Auntie.
K-KAGARI ?!

I'll be waiting out front until this is over.
I doubt I'd be able to contain myself otherwise.
ガタッ
ドアオープン

Umm, Takamiya?
Actually, when the Princess lived at home, she and Auntie Shiori would always fight.. they're like natural enemies
SFF スー
ボソボソ WHISPER

Huh?
スタ STEP
スタ STEP


Kagari ...
カラーン KLING
カラーン KLANG

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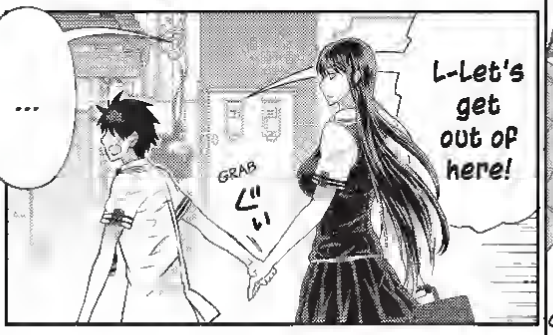
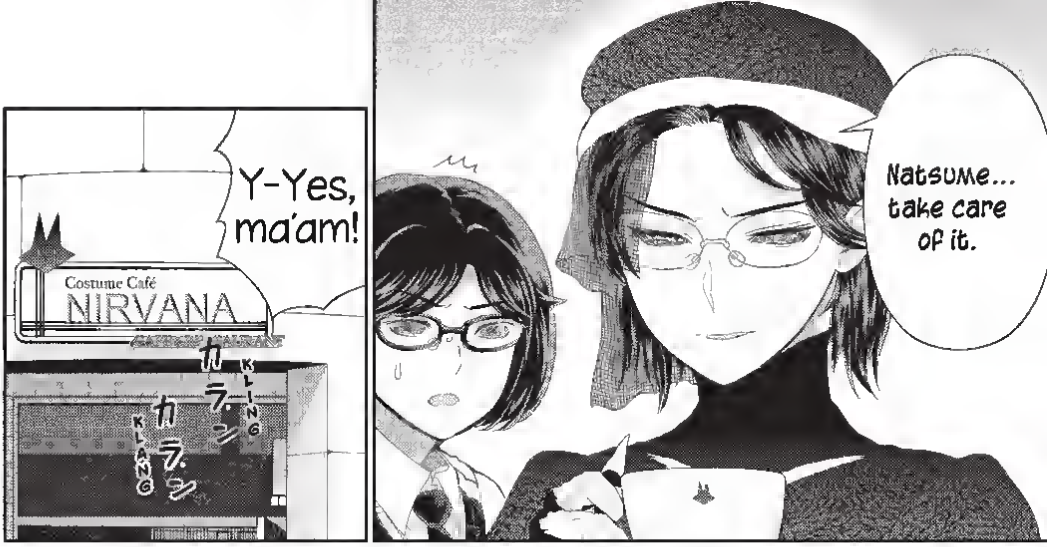
KLANG
カラン
KLANG
カラン

UM, could we talk some other time, please?
I'M sorry!
I know we were the ones to invite you here...

WHOA! MY NOODLES JUST SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTED!
Aack! A pillar of flame is coming from my bag!
VWOOSH
ゥゴゥ
SKREECH
キキ

Kagari!
! Takamiya.
So hott
WHOA, WHAT?!
They've collapsed...


...
L-Let's get out of here!
GRAB
ぐい


Y-Yes, ma'am!
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NIRVANA
カラン KLANG
カラン KLANG
Natsume... take care of it.

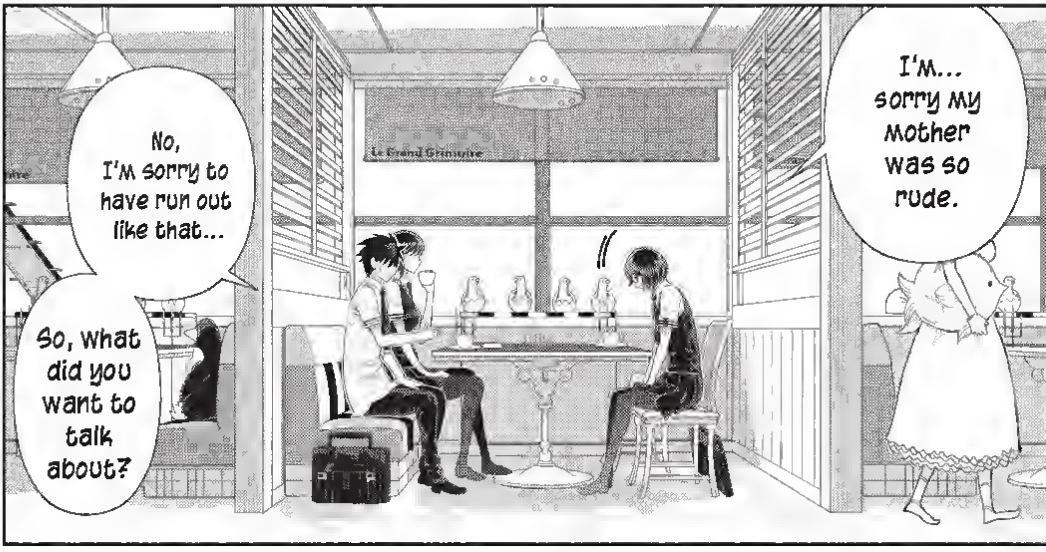
STEP スタ
STEP スタ
Uhm ...
I'm sorry you were uncomfortable back there.
It's not that...
OPEN ﾊﾝﾊﾞｰｸﾞ
Taka-Miya...
Kagari, if you don't want to have anything to do with her, I'll talk to her alone later.

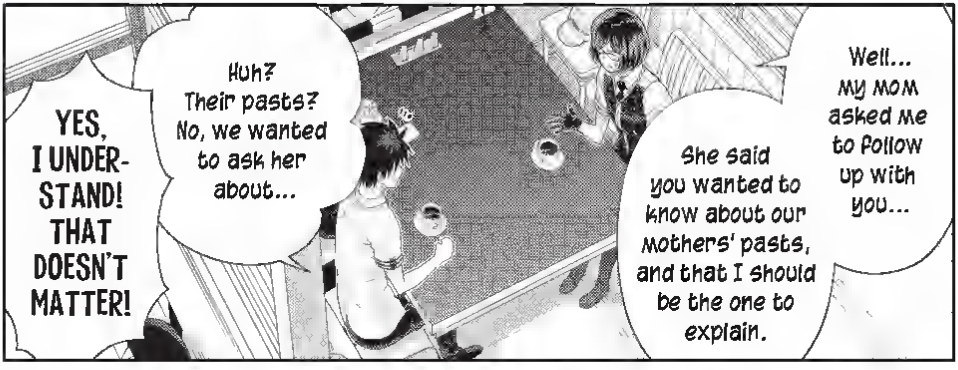
...
ばっ SNATCH
AH! SORRY !!!
Your hand.

HEEY, PLEASE WAAAIT !!
NATSU-ME!

Grand Grimoire
MoMi CREPE

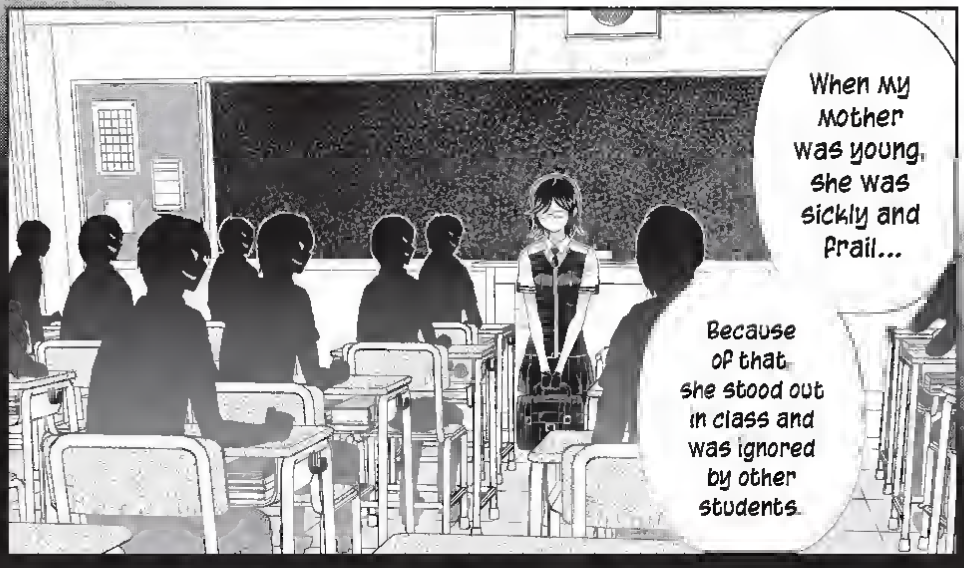
コト
TINK
Welcome !
KLING

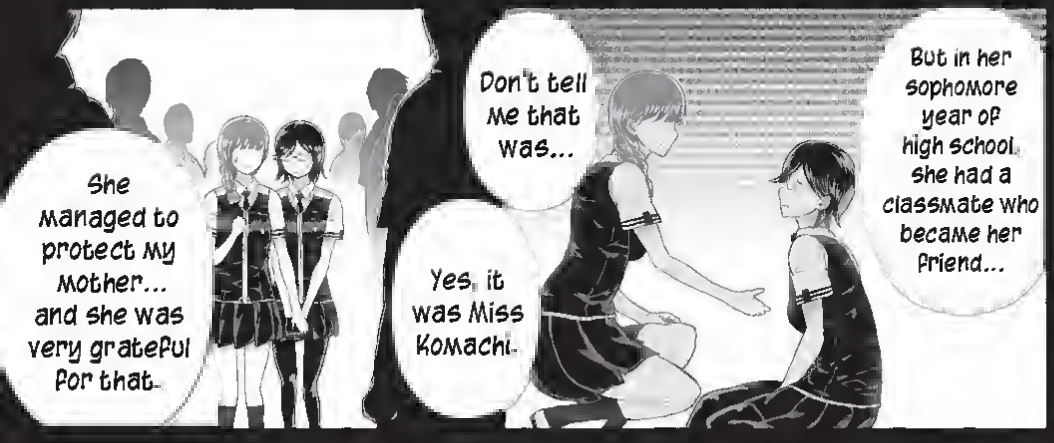

I'm... sorry my mother was so rude.
No, I'm sorry to have run out like that...
So, what did you want to talk about?


Well... my mom asked me to follow up with you...
She said you wanted to know about our mothers' pasts, and that I should be the one to explain.
Huh? Their pasts? No, we wanted to ask her about...
YES, I UNDERSTAND! THAT DOESN'T MATTER!

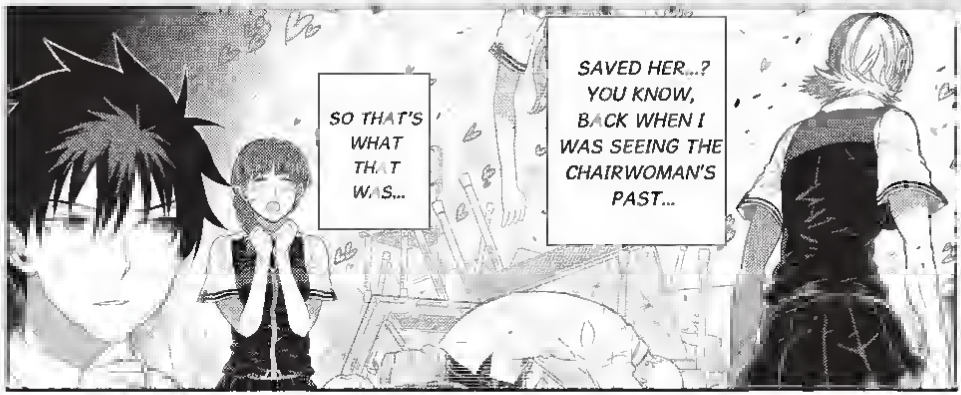
Please. Let me talk. If I don't do this properly, I'll be in a world of trouble... er, I mean she's going to scold me.
O-Okay...
Go ahead.
Seems rough
JUT スイ

Since I was little, I heard this story so often that I got sick of it...


When my mother was young, she was sickly and frail...
Because of that, she stood out in class and was ignored by other students.


But in her sophomore year of high school, she had a classmate who became her friend...
Don't tell me that was...
Yes, it was Miss Komachi.
She managed to protect my mother... and she was very grateful for that.

After she left, the rest of the class started harassing Miss Komachi...
But soon after that, my mother fell ill and had to take time off from school.
Though it seems as though that didn't last for long, as another student saved her.


SO THAT'S WHAT THAT WAS...
SAVED HER...? YOU KNOW, BACK WHEN I WAS SEEING THE CHAIRWOMAN'S PAST...

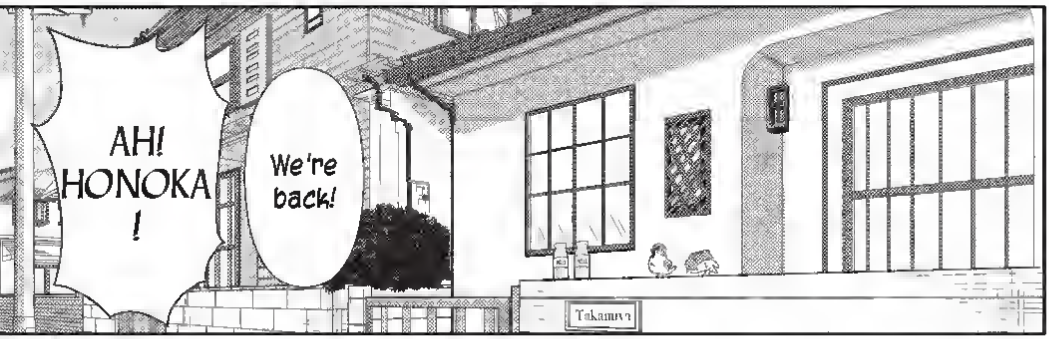
After that, the story goes that my mother recovered and became friends with Miss Komachi and Miss Kazane.
! So you knew?
Was the student who saved my mother... Miss Kazane?
Uh, no...

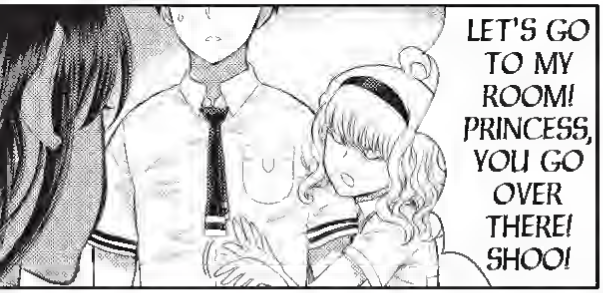
But.. my mother still seems to regret that time... Which is why she raised me saying that the reason of my existence is to repay Komachi.
She also told me to marry you and make you happy. Well, she stopped saying that one after the Princess appeared.
But I think that's why she's so unkind to the Princess.
H-HOLD ON, ME AND YOU, NATSUME ?

L-LISTEN! PRINCESS!! I KNOW MY MOTHER MAY BE A LITTLE STRANGE, BUT KYOICHIRO IS DIFFERENT!
HE TURNED OUT LIKE THAT BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER!
RATTLE
Because of your mother?
Yes. Part of my mother is still a bit attached to Miss Komachi.
Like her purpose in life is to make Miss Komachi happy?
And of course, that includes her son...
She's even worse than him.

He turned out that way as the result of many years of brain-wash—er, of sleep-learning...
?!
Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince Honoka is your prince
MINIMUM WAGE JOB
UH— UUHH
Well... I suppose you could say that it's the fault of my complicated family situation...
Like me, Kyoichiro was constantly told every day that he needed to live to serve Komachi.
Let's go. Listening to her any longer would just be a waste of time.
カチャ
If I can, I'd like to free him from its spell...
WHUMP
ストン
...
...AH, HA

Huh, I didn't expect to hear about that stuff...
We didn't get to hear about your scar, either...

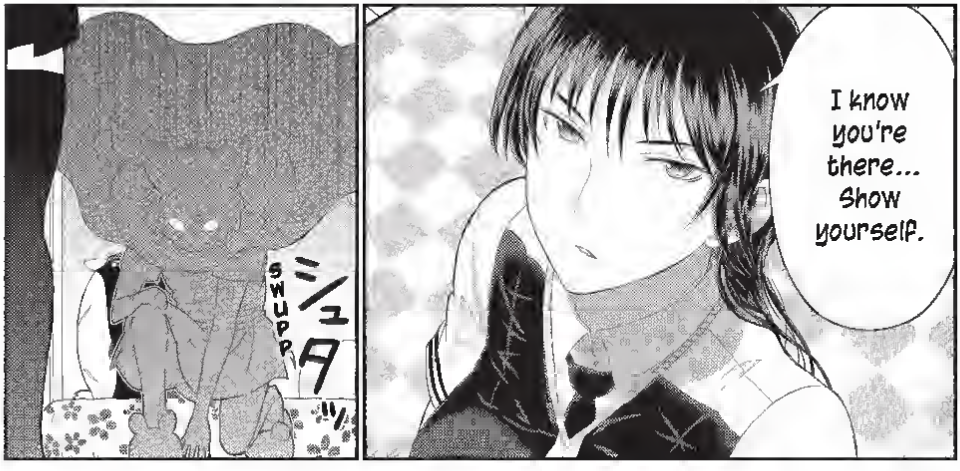

AH! HONOKA!
We're back!
Takamiya


LET'S GO TO MY ROOM! PRINCESS, YOU GO OVER THERE! SHOO!

KASUMI!
だっ
DASH
WHERE'D YOU GO?! YOU SHOOK ME OFF, DIDN'T YOU!

We'll talk later then, Taka-miya.
Okay.

MISS KAGARI'S ROOM
...
ポフッ
TMP


シュタ
SWUPP
I know you're there... Show yourself.

ピョコ
WIGGLE
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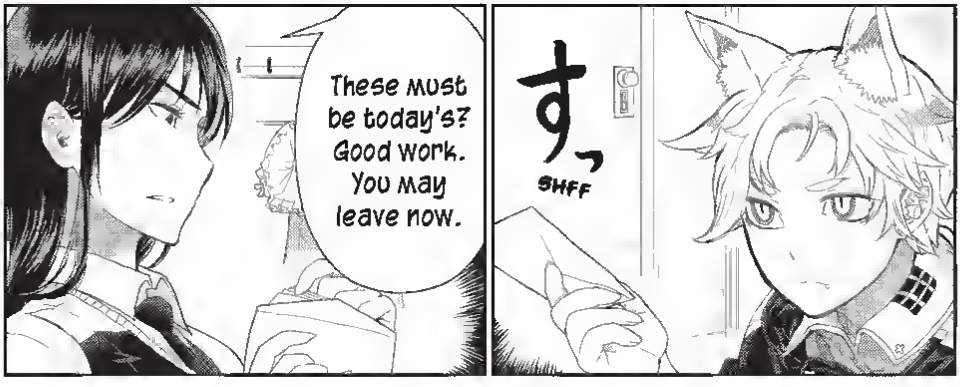
These must be today's? Good work. You may leave now.
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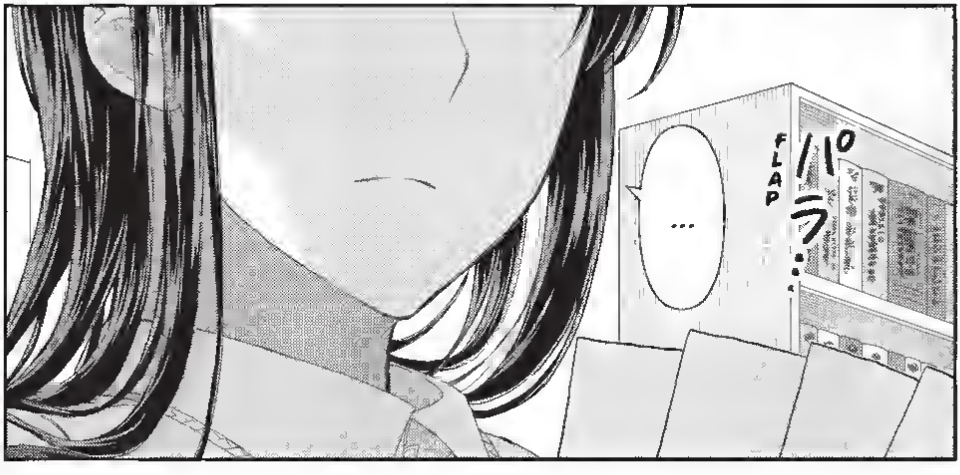
SHFF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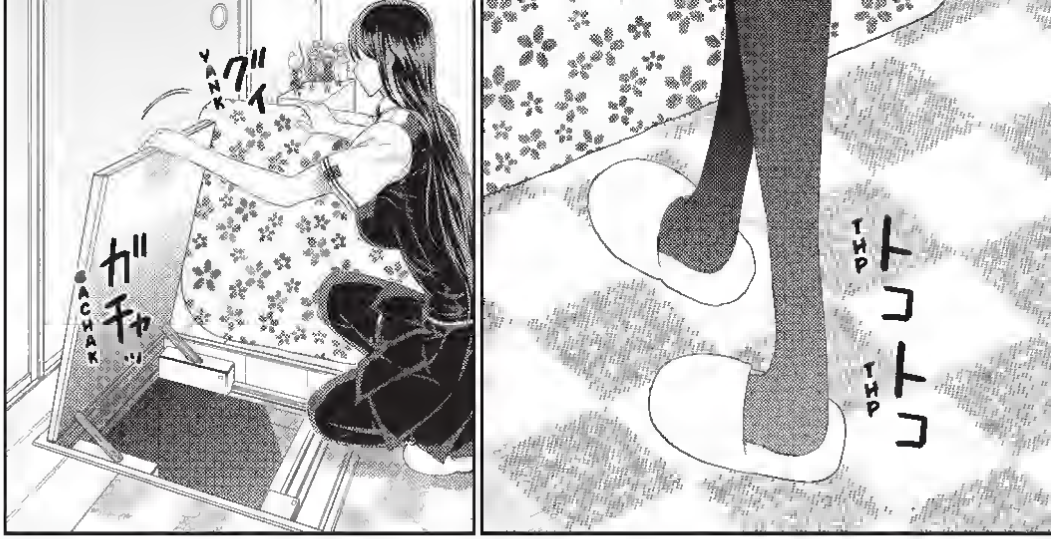
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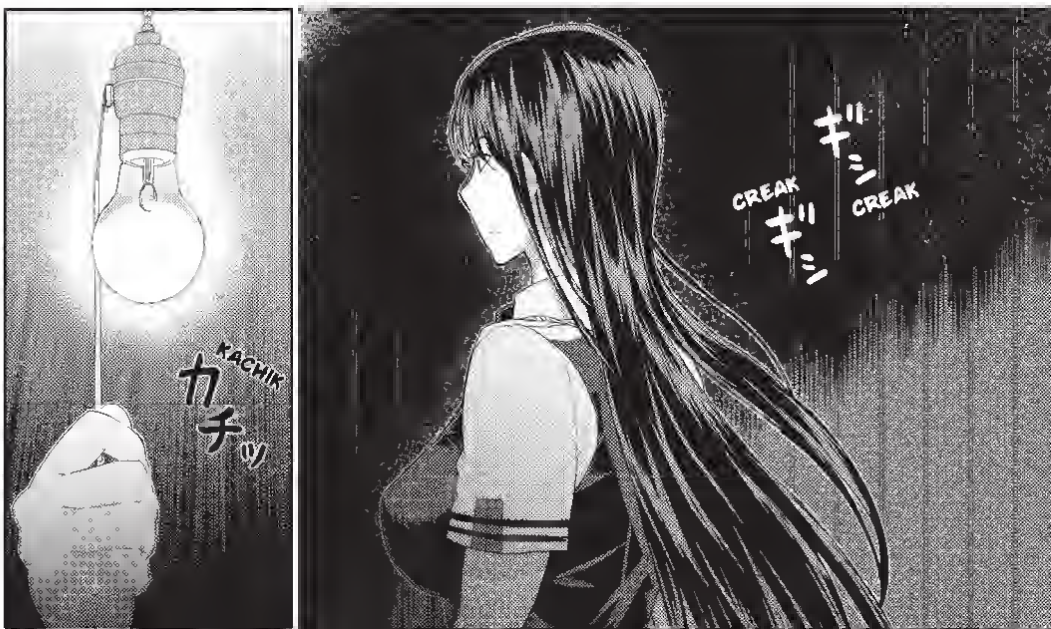
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KACHIK
ギシ
CREAK
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CREAK

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PAT
PAT

Honestly... Those siblings were such deviants.

Hey, Honoka
Do you have any friends in your class other than the Princess? You don't, right...?
Huh? Why?
Oh, no reason! Just trying to banish everyone in your class other than you...
Let me write this down
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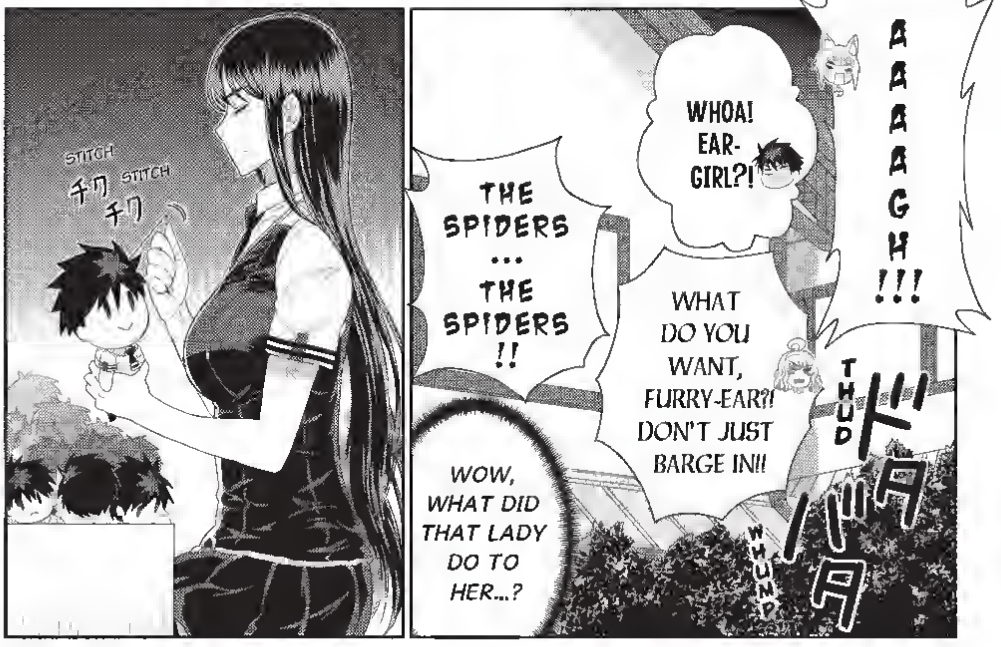
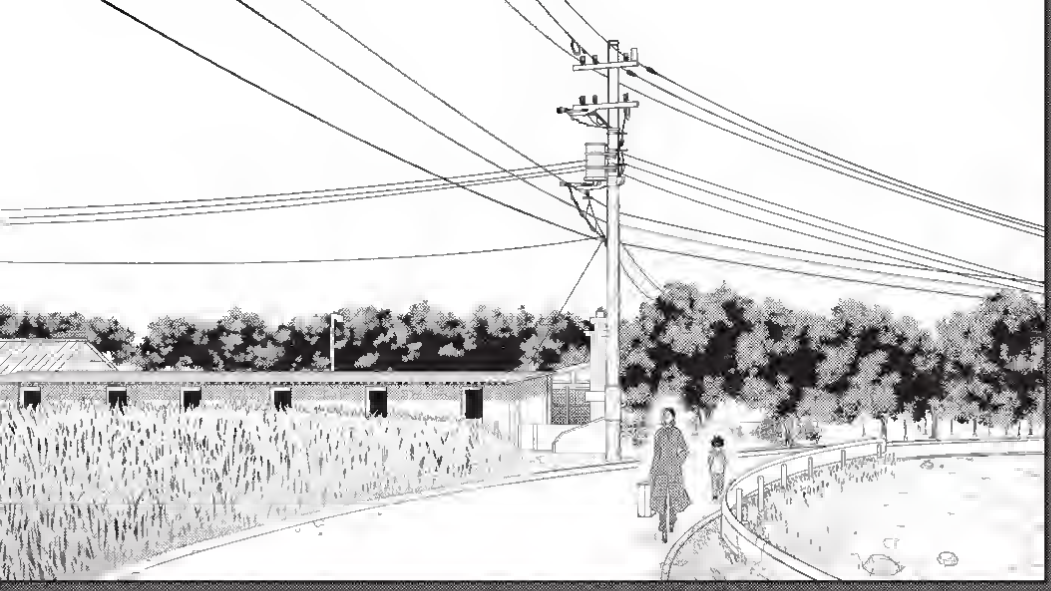

AAAAAGH!!!
WHOA! EAR-GIRL?!
THE SPIDERS ... THE SPIDERS!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, FURRY-EAR?! DON'T JUST BARGE IN!!
WOW, WHAT DID THAT LADY DO TO HER...?
THUD
WHUND
STITCH
STITCH

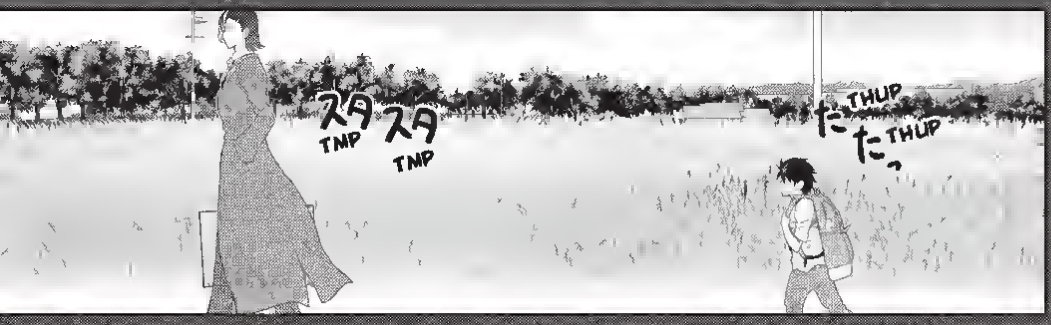
20xx.xx.xx
First day of training
Seems a little nervous. I need to be sure to do a good job as his master.

Witchcraft Works

Honoka.
I'm sure Komachi has already told you this, but starting today, you and I will be traveling for a little while.
All right?
...
Why am I going on a trip with you, Miss Kazane?
Are Mom and Kasumi not coming?
Nope. This is a special trip.
And you need to call me Master... No, Teacher.

CHAPTER 39 Takamiya and Kazane's Apprentice

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THUP
たっ
THUP

Um... Miss Kazane.
Wait! Miss Kazane!
Haa
Haa

What's the matter?
Y-You're walking really fast, Miss Kazane.
Honoka... I thought I told you to call me Teacher. Also, you need to speak politely to your elders.
Where are we heading? My feet hurt...
And... you're not a teacher, Miss Kazane.
"Sensei" refers to more than just teachers at school. Consider me your teacher in the ways of life.
Life ...?

I will teach you some lessons that will be very important for as long as you live.
You probably won't understand them now, but some day, you'll know their meaning.
If you were my own child, I could just boot you off the side of a cliff. But unfortunately, you're Komachi's child, so I can't.
Or would you rather be booted...?
Good. We'll be moving fast.
I... I'LL WALK

ZHFF
We're here.
All right. I guess this area should be good...
ハアハア haa haa
KRUNCH KRUNCH
Start by unfolding this...
Don't just stand there, help me out.
ごそ RUSTLE
ガバ KPOP
?

I suppose that's good enough.
じゃ TA じゃ DAA ん
Miss Kazane's suitcase had all this stuff in it...
whew... I'm tired
CLAP
CLAP

That's right.
But... there isn't anything here.
Are we going to camp here...?
HM?
UMM... Teacher ...?

TUNK
ゴト
...
I'm too tired to move anyway... Fine
Ask me if there's anything you don't get.

WHAT? NOW ?!
Honoka, Komachi gave you those kanji workbooks, right?
Get started on those.
Yes. Problem ?

バサ
FLAP

あ
yawn

And you, Teacher?
Brush your teeth and go to bed once you're finished.
You don't need to worry about me.

Teacher, I'm hungry...
Komachi gave me some bento. Let's eat.
Okay, why don't we stop here. You did a good job today.

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スヤ
スヤ
パチパチ
パチパチパチ
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ホウ
HOOT
ザ ZSSH
ザ ZSSH
ザ ZSSH
ザ ZSSH
ザ ZSSH
ザ ZSSH
カサ…
RUSTLE
ZMMM
ズム
…!

Honoka! Wake up!
Honoka!
FWIP
SNUG
もぞ。
HMM ...?
Teacher? What's wrong? Is it morning alre...
WOBBLE
Don't make a sound. Come out slowly.
...?
PEEK
ぴょこっ。

GRRR
ガルルル…
T-TEACHER!
WHAT IS THAT ?!?!

YOU CAN EXPLAIN LATER, WE NEED TO RUN!!
You may have heard that I'm a kokeshi doll artisan, but in reality...
Honoka, the reason I'm here is to exterminate this. Doing such jobs is how I make a living.
バキャ
KA KRAK
Just watch closely. Your fate is in your own...
You can get through any situation as long as you act in a calm and collected manner.
B-BUT!
Calm down. You can't get emotional at times like this. You need to see what move your opponent makes and respond appropriately.
TEACH-ER !!!!
GRR!
ガウ
THNK
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL

THE HELL D'YA THINK YOU'RE DOING, STUPID FUR BALL ?!?!

ボコ
KA
ゴオ
POW
オ

ズズゥン…
ZWOOOM
Ah, ahem.
Miss... Kazane...?
Ah!
Well, once you reach my rank, you don't necessarily have to stay calm. I'm setting a bad example, though, so don't learn any lessons from what just happened.
BLEH
Oh! And this little guy has fainted, that's all. His life isn't in danger, just so you know!
...
...

Miss Kazane... Who are you?
I'll explain gradually, in due time.
But... For now, I'll tell you my goal.
I brought you here so that you'll grow up to be a strong man.
You're going to be my helper for the time being.
I'll be training you as relentlessly as a drill sergeant, so I hope you're ready.

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SHAAK
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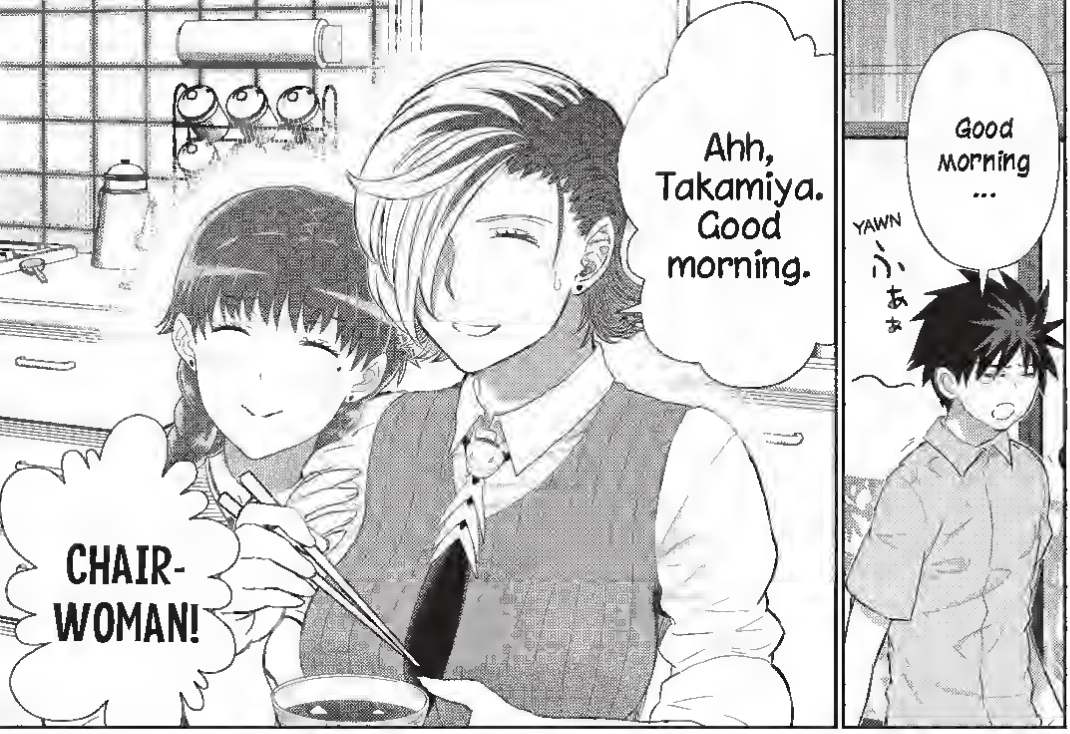
It's morning, Takamiya.
Mn..
Wake up.

Breakfast is ready.
I'll be right there.

YAWN
あ
Good morning, Kagari.

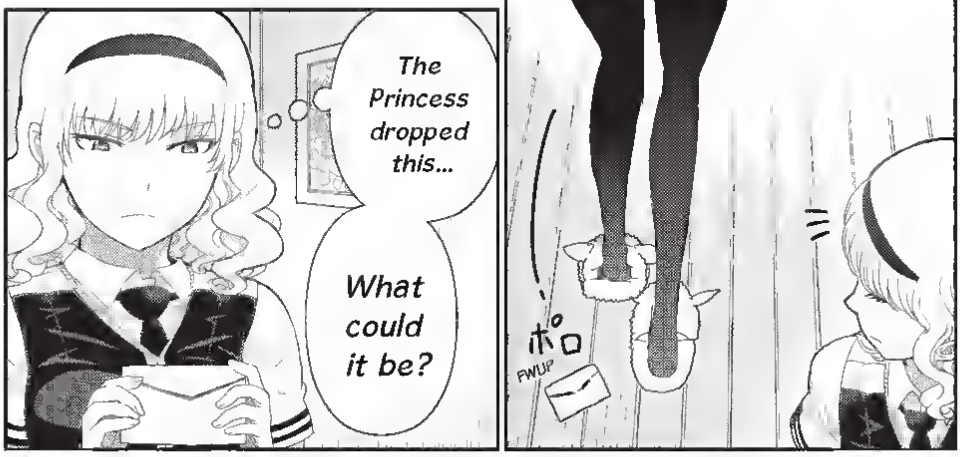

Good morning...
YAWN ふぁぁ
Ahh, Takamiya. Good morning.
CHAIR-WOMAN!

I just happened to pass by while I was on a walk,
but then this wonderful smell drew me in...
NOD コクリ
By the way, are you living at school since you lost your house?
...

Hey, Komachi... Don't cling so much.
Aww, come on~~!!
Honoka, i'm taking the day off of work could you call them for me?
Why are you here?

STEP スタ STEP スタ
Uugh... Sleepy...

I'll bring your change of clothes. You eat.
! Thanks...


The Princess dropped this...
What could it be?
FWUP

?!
FLIP
2oxx xx xx
Bath with little sister
How long are they going to stay together as siblings?
Takamiya makes me want to
back from the hot springs still seems sleepy.

WOOF WOOF WOOF
Kasumi, you shouldn't yell this early in the morning.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT! NOT ONE BIT!!
TROMP TROMP
HONO-KAAAA-AAAAA!

LOOK AT THESE!!! WE NEED TO DRIVE HER OUT OF THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW, OR ELSE...
HONOKA! THE PRINCESS IS AN INSANE, PERVERTED STALKER!!
BA BAM
SHFF

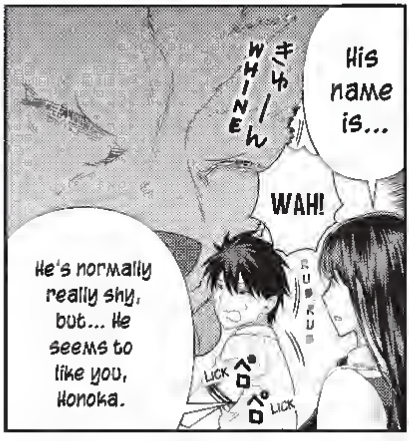
...
THIS MUST BE THE PRINCESS'S DOING! SHE'S DESTROYING EVIDENCE!!
EE EE EK
Are you still half asleep, Kasumi?
CHAK

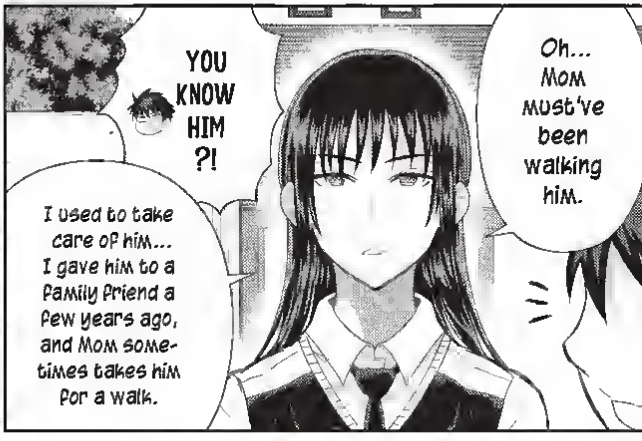
GLANCE
GLANCE
WAIT... WHAT? THE PHOTOS... THEY'RE GONE...
POOF
...? Why do you have your hands out like that?

We're leaving, Kasumi!
I'M REALLY BUSY RIGHT NOW! YOU GO AHEAD!!
Ok, we'll be on our way!
ガチャッ
KACHAK

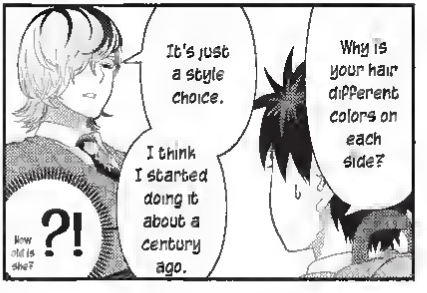
Thanks for the meal!

ACK!!
BOOOOM
WHAT'S THIS BEAST DOING HERE?!


His name is...
キャ〜ん
WHINE
WAH!
He's normally really shy, but... He seems to like you, Honoka.
LICK
LICK


YOU KNOW HIM ?!
I used to take care of him... I gave him to a family friend a few years ago, and Mom sometimes takes him for a walk.
Oh... Mom must've been walking him.

A Most Mysterious Master

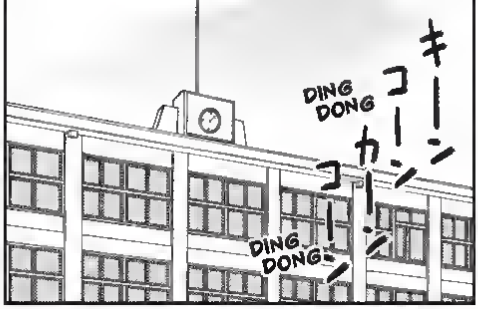

Why is your hair different colors on each side?
It's just a style choice.
I think I started doing it about a century ago.
How old is she?
?!

Witchcraft Works

TWO SHORT WEEKS AFTER MY SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE CEREMONY ...
MY NAME IS YOSHIKO TANUMA.
I'M AN ONLY CHILD OF TWO WORKING PARENTS.
SIGH ハァ
I'VE FAILED...
BYE バーイ
ALL THE FRIENOS I HAO IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE IN OIFFERENT SCHOOLS OR CLASSES. I DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE ..
CHATTER CHATTER ワイワイ
AND I MISSED MY CHANCE TO BE PART OF ANY GROUPS IN MY OWN CLASS..
I met a few girls I can talk to in my after-school club, but we're in different classes or grades.
So now I'm all alone...
GLOOOM ズーン
Hey, isn't she the one who's been absent ...?
Oh yeah. She's been out since the entrance ceremony, right? So today's her first day?

BONUS CHAPTER The Takamiya and Tanuma Theater

Today's her first day of school...!
So she doesn't belong to any groups.
Just like me...
Could she be an angel sent from heaven by god to save me from friendlessness ?!
AH!
Okay, everyone. Take your seats, class is starting.
Hold on, of course not...
TAKAMIYA
ME
And our seats are a little too far apart to be able to chat easily ..
SFF
Hey, you... To the left, in front.
I forgot my text-book.
Could I share with you?
I want to know how class has been going, too
Whaaaaaaaat?! Sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-she's heeere! She's an angel!!!
Why?! Why come all the way here instead of asking someone next to her?!
W-Well, who cares! Talk about lucky!!
KLATTER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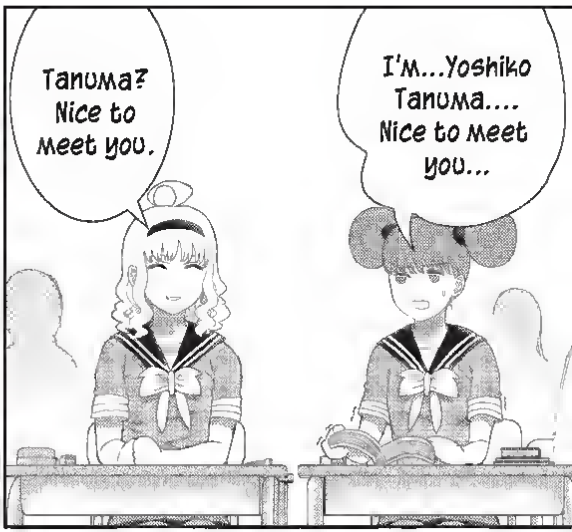
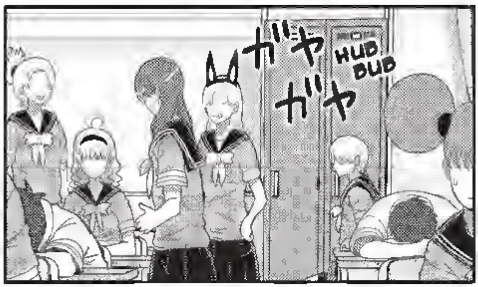
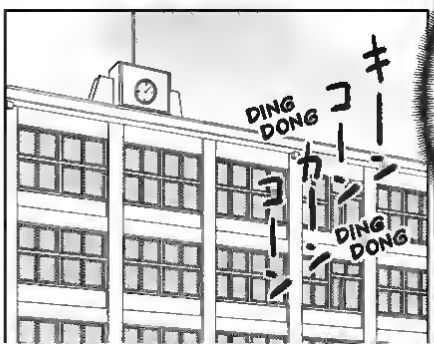
DING DONG
DING DONG


Tanuma? Nice to meet you.
I'm...Yoshiko Tanuma.... Nice to meet you...


ガヤ
ガヤ
HUB DUB

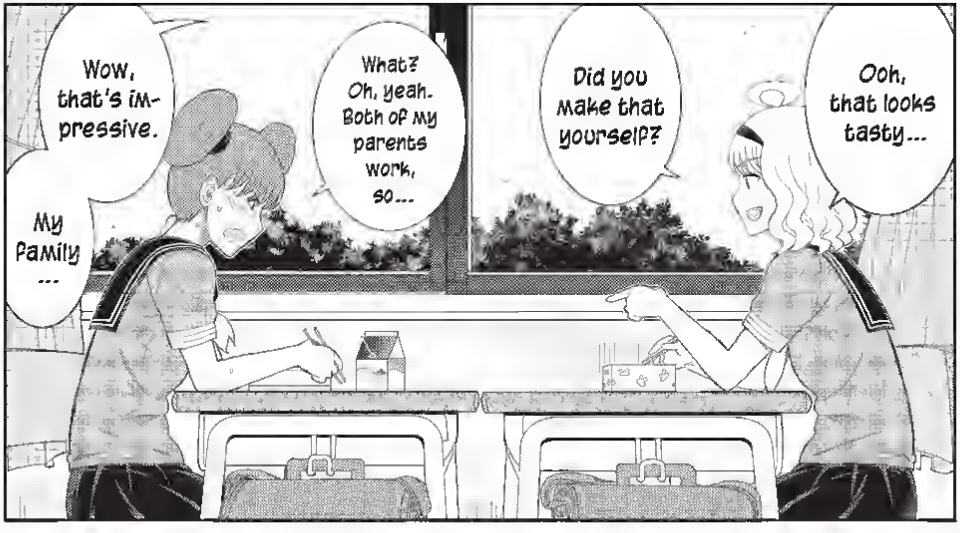
He he
Thanks for fussing so much over me.
But I'm fine, really.
Wow, and she has such a gentle personality!!

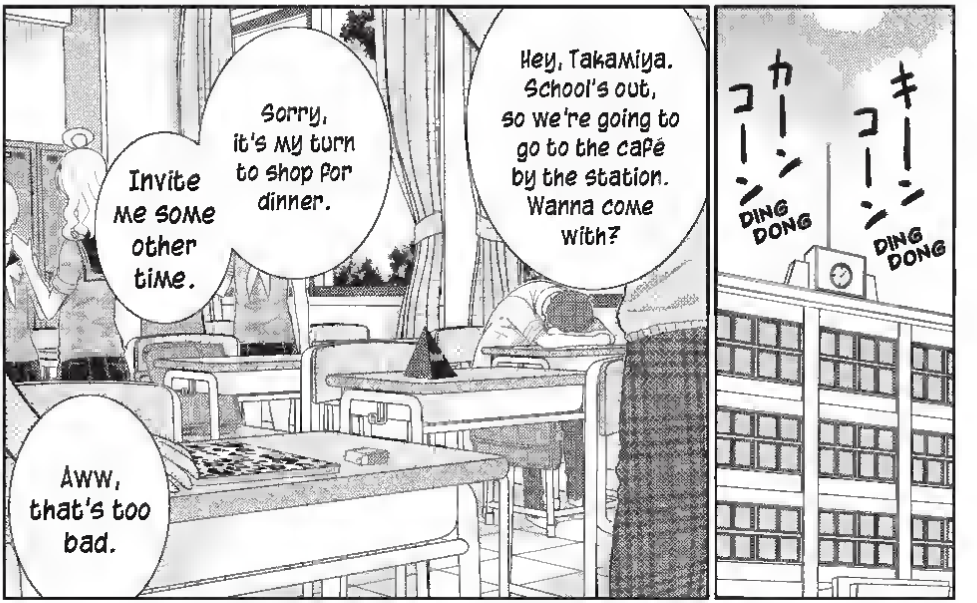
You're so cute, Taka-miya!
Wow, so you have an older brother?
Is your hair naturally wavy like that?
What year is he? What's he like?
Why were you absent?
Want to hang out after school?
She's immediately being invited to hang out with the in-crowd...! Well, she is cute.

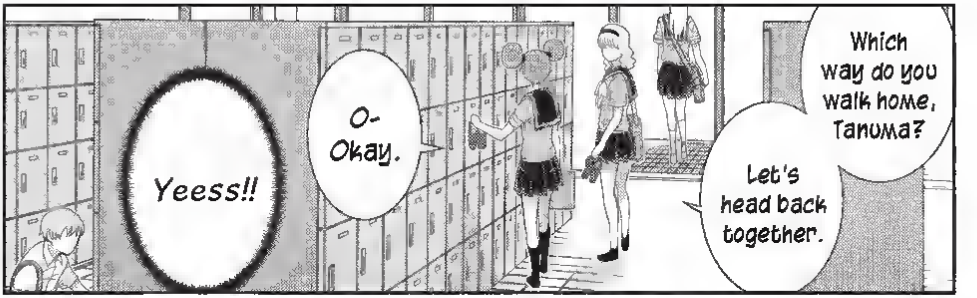

キーン
コーン
カーン
コーン
DING DONG
DING DONG

キャッ YAY
キャッ YAY
Yeah... I should have expected that.
TAKAMIYA! COME OVER HERE AND EAT WITH US!
U-UM. TAKAMIYA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
...
MNCH もぐ もぐ MNCH
ドカッ THUNK
?! Takamiy...
ガッ KLUNK

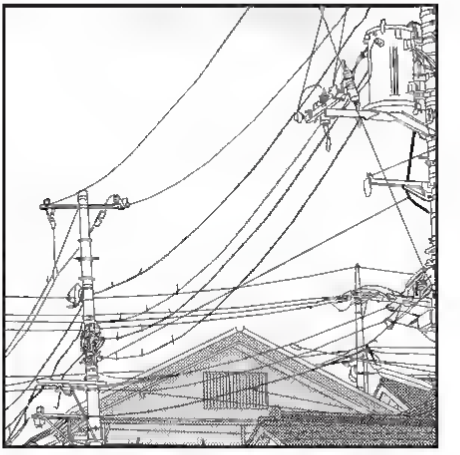
Sorry, I'm going to eat here.

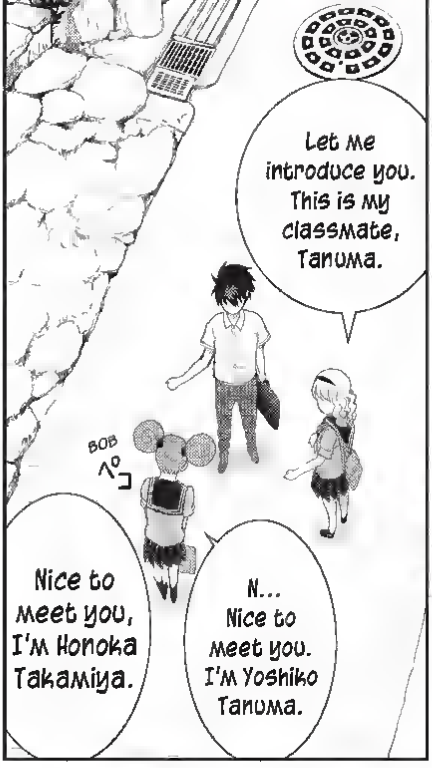

Wow, that's im-pressive.
My family ...
What? Oh, yeah. Both of my parents work, so...
Did you make that yourself?
Ooh, that looks tasty...


Hey, Takamiya. School's out, so we're going to go to the café by the station. Wanna come with?
Sorry, it's my turn to shop for dinner.
Invite me some other time.
Aww, that's too bad.
キーン コーン
DING DONG
カーン コーン
DING DONG

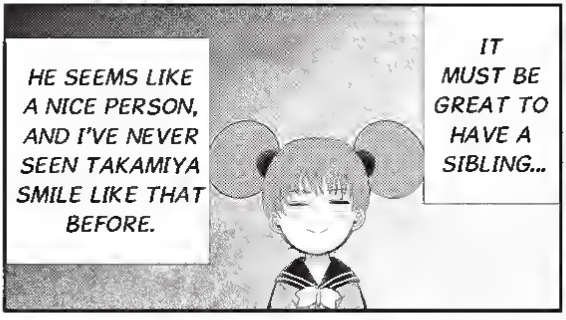

Which way do you walk home, Tanuma?
Let's head back together.
O-Okay.
Yeess!!

U-Um... Takamiya... There's one thing I wanted to ask you. Why do you bother with me? I'm just a norm...
Ah! Honoka !



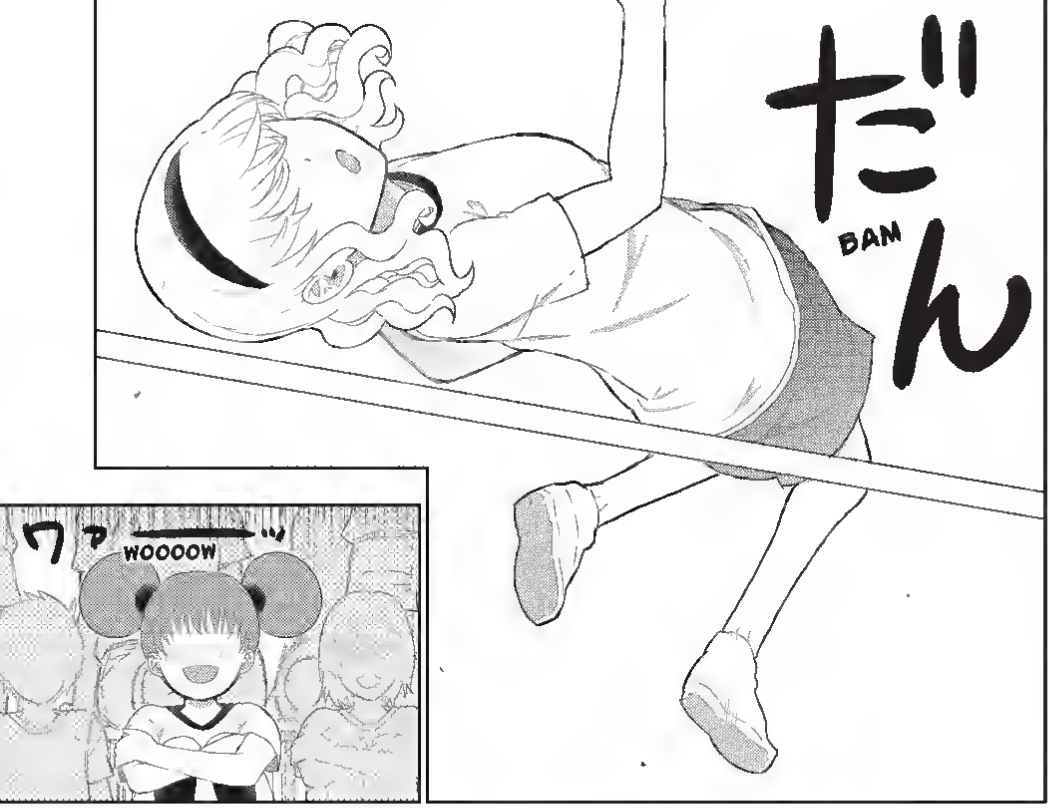

Let me introduce you. This is my classmate, Tanuma.
BOB
Nice to meet you, I'm Honoka Takamiya.
N... Nice to meet you. I'm Yoshiko Tanuma.

Hey, Kasumi. Heading home?
Yeah !


HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE PERSON, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN TAKAMIYA SMILE LIKE THAT BEFORE.
IT MUST BE GREAT TO HAVE A SIBLING...

THAT MAKES ME EVEN MORE CRAZY ABOUT HER!
SHE MUST REALLY LOVE HER BROTHER!

See you tomorrow!
Tanuma, we're going to the grocery store.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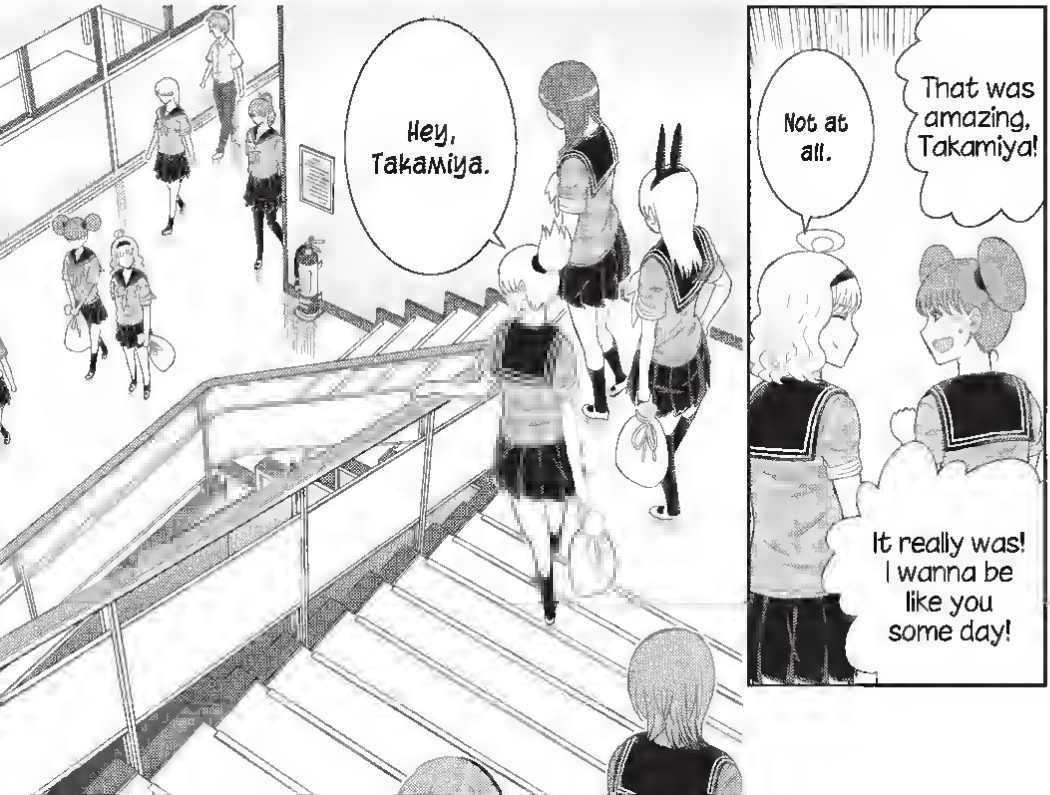
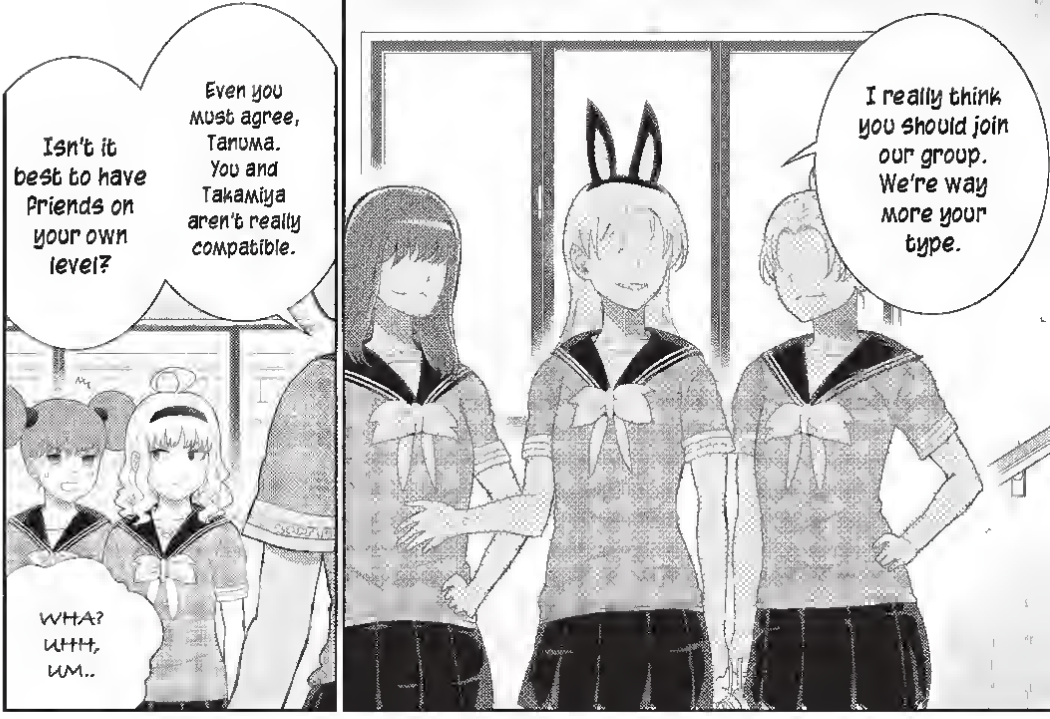
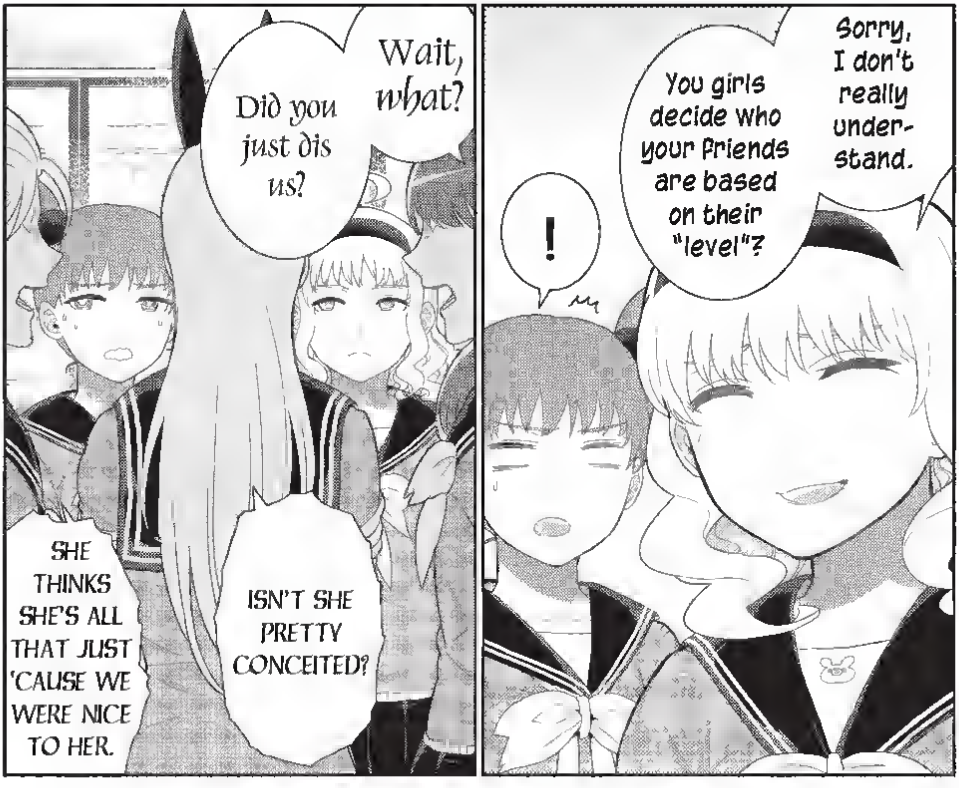
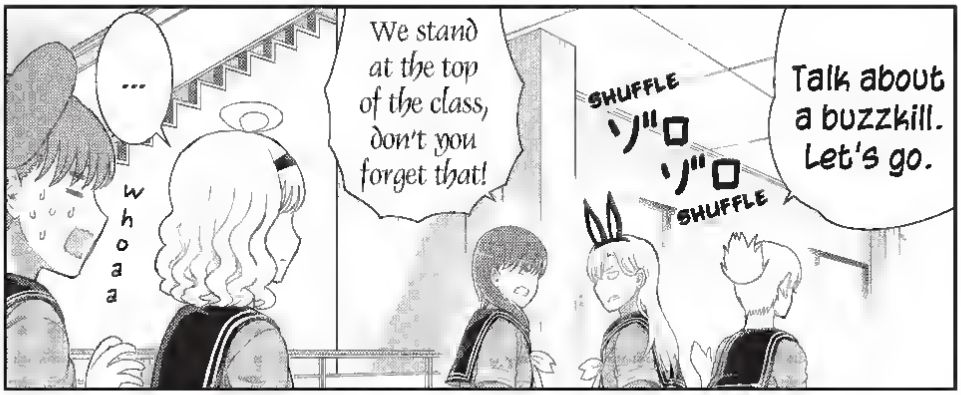

Hey, Takamiya.
That was amazing, Takamiya!
Not at all.
It really was! I wanna be like you some day!


Isn't it best to have friends on your own level?
Even you must agree, Tanuma. You and Takamiya aren't really compatible.
WHA? UHHH, UM..
I really think you should join our group. We're way more your type.


Wait, what?
Did you just dis us?
SHE THINKS SHE'S ALL THAT JUST 'CAUSE WE WERE NICE TO HER.
ISN'T SHE PRETTY CONCEITED?
!
You girls decide who your friends are based on their "level"?
Sorry, I don't really understand.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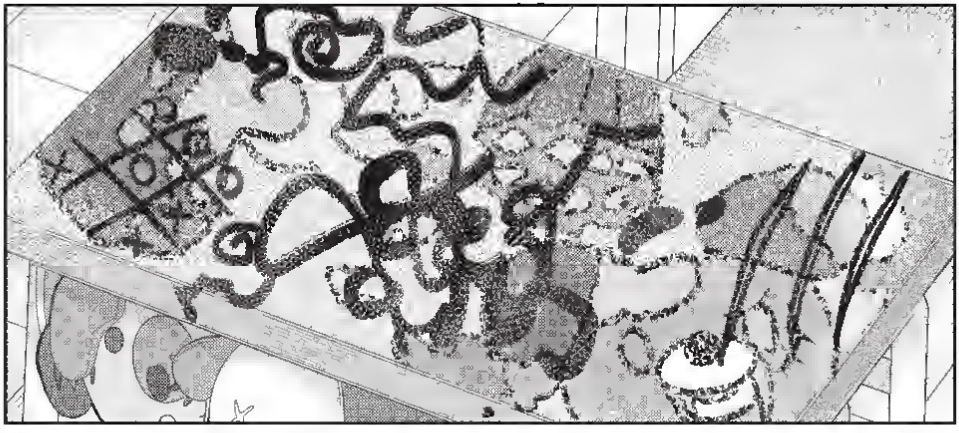
whoaa
We stand at the top of the class, don't you forget that!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
Talk about a buzzkill. Let's go.

Did I do something wrong?
Sh-Should you have really made the queen bees mad like that, Takamiya?
N-No... At least, I don't think so, but...
You need to get along better with your classmates.
Right?
BUT... ...

Oh yeah... You're right. Heh heh.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! WE'RE FRIENDS!!!
!
Well, if you ever feel scared, you can feel free to distance yourself from me.

THE NEXT DAY.



This is awful...
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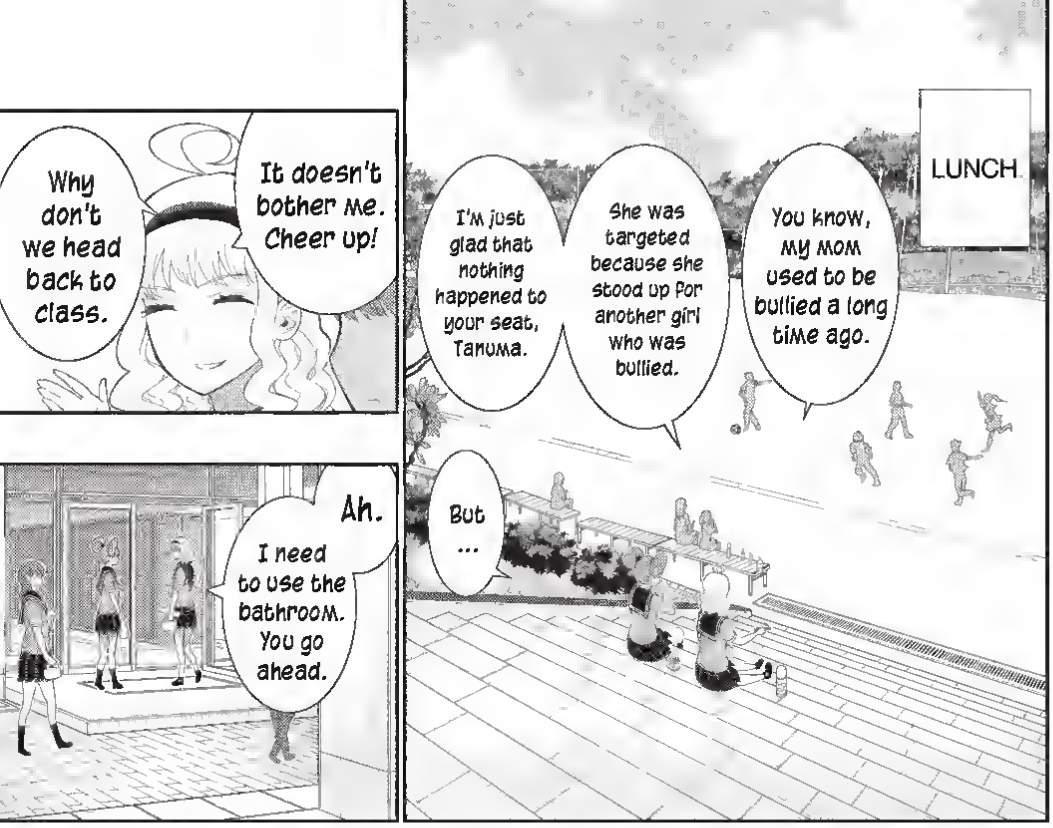
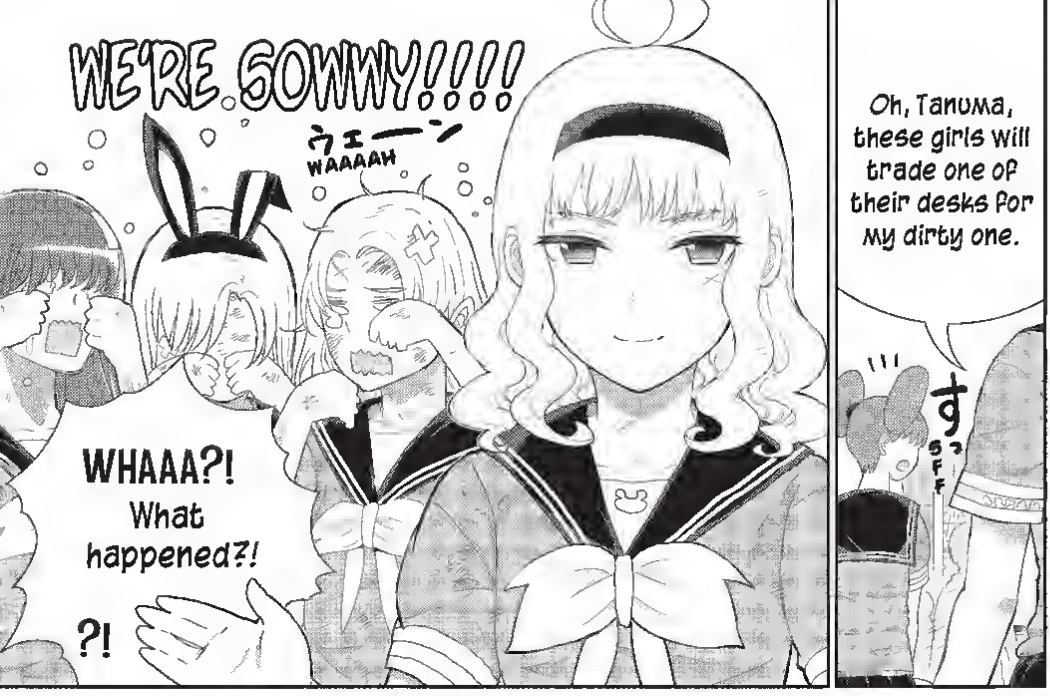

LUNCH
You know, my mom used to be bullied a long time ago.
She was targeted because she stood up for another girl who was bullied.
I'm just glad that nothing happened to your seat, Tanuma.
But ...
It doesn't bother me. Cheer up!
Why don't we head back to class.
Ah.
I need to use the bathroom. You go ahead.

Bwa ha ha! Did you see their faces?!
That's what happens when you mess with us!
I bet this'll be a lot of fun.
What should we do next?

にこ
GRIN
Think I could join in?
TNK
Huh?
Takamiya sure is late...
This is hard to get out—
SCRUB
SCRUB

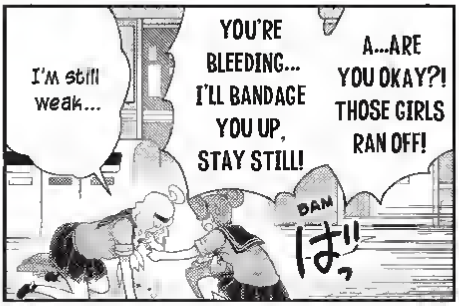

WE'RE SORRY!!!!
ウェーン
WAAAAH
WHAAA?! What happened?!
?!
Oh, Tanuma, these girls will trade one of their desks for my dirty one.
すっ
SFF

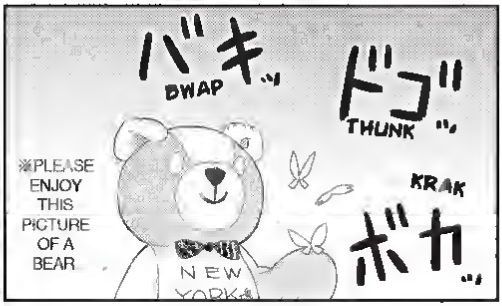
ACK! THE QUEEN BEES!!
1 WEEK LATER.
Um, Takamiya ?

I thought I'd have to go at them for a couple weeks, but they didn't have any guts at all!
AH HA HA...

Eeeeep! This is a tale of heroism!
No way. I don't hang out with basic, low-level girls like you.
We... did a lot of thinking after what happened the other day... And we'd like to get to know you better... Like, as real friends.

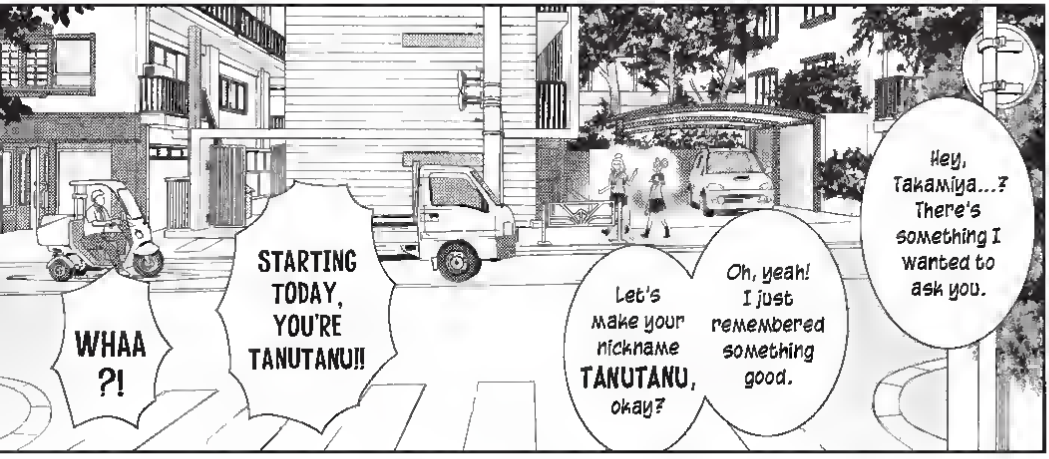
Hold on.
すっ
SFF
TAKA-MIYA ?!
FAIRY MATE
Hey, start jumping up and down.
! ...They're from Petrush Girls' Academy, the local high school full of delinquents...
COMIC HIGH!


I'M still weak...
YOU'RE BLEEDING... I'LL BANDAGE YOU UP, STAY STILL!
A...ARE YOU OKAY?! THOSE GIRLS RAN OFF!
DAN
ばっ

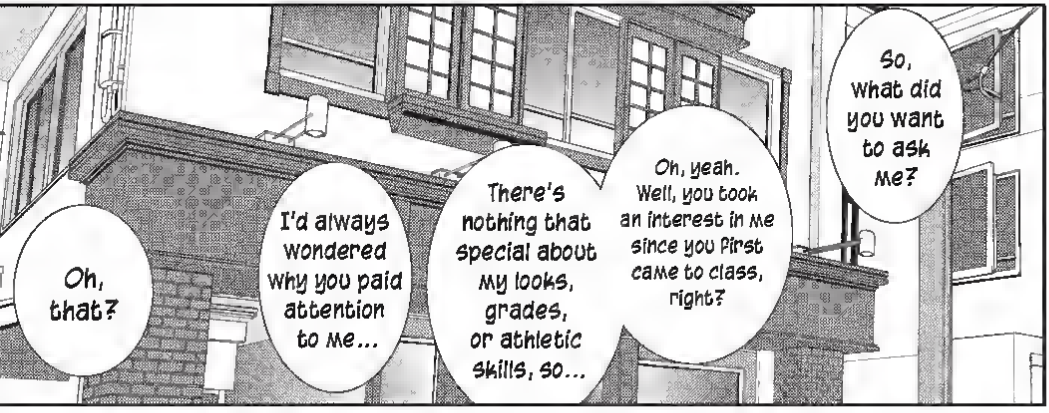

※PLEASE ENJOY THIS PICTURE OF A BEAR
バキ
DWAP
ドゴ
THUNK
KRAK
ボカ
NEW YORK

But that's another reason I like her!
GRIP

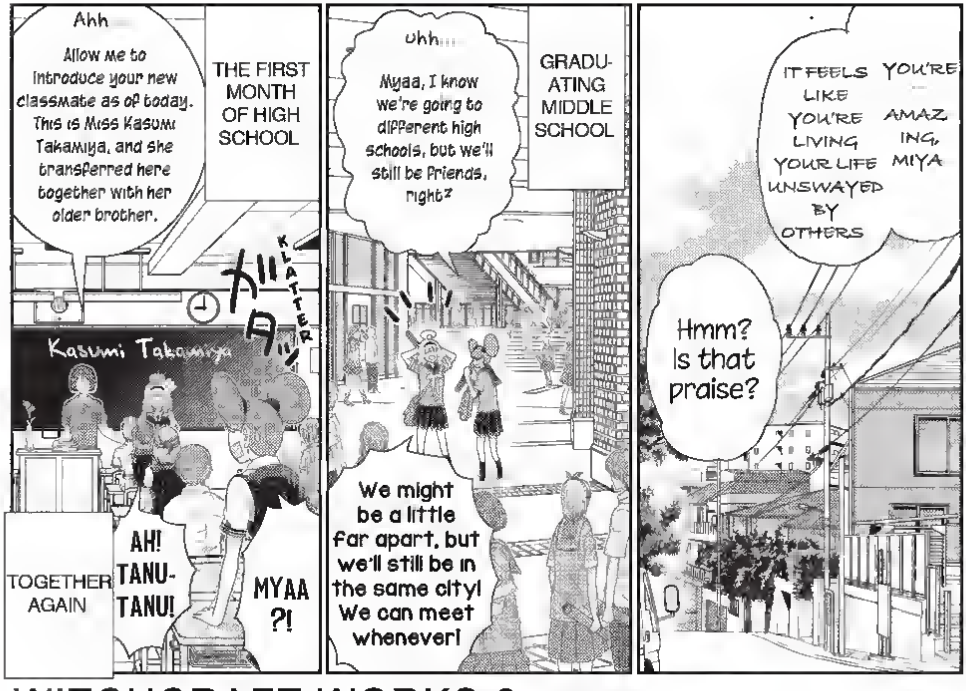
?!
I have orders to "fight evil" on the spot wherever I see it.
TRAIN-ING?! MASTER ?!
I started training recently, and my new master is into fighting, you see...
Wh-What's Takamiya doing with her life?!


Hey, Takamiya...? There's something I wanted to ask you.
Oh, yeah! I just remembered something good.
Let's make your nickname TANUTANU, okay?
STARTING TODAY, YOU'RE TANUTANU!!
WHAA ?!

Well, "Yosshi" would be fine, too...
Uhh... Tanutanu is fine. I guess it's cute?
In that case... I'll call you Miya, okay?
And once we're even better friends, I'll just start slipping in "Kasumi"!


So, what did you want to ask me?
Oh, yeah. Well, you took an interest in me since you first came to class, right?
There's nothing that special about my looks, grades, or athletic skills, so...
I'd always wondered why you paid attention to me...
Oh, that?

Well, your hairstyle is just so funny!
PAH
HA
HA


Ahh
Allow me to introduce your new classmate as of today. This is Miss Kasumi Takamiya, and she transferred here together with her older brother.
THE FIRST MONTH OF HIGH SCHOOL
KLATTER
Kasumi Takamiya
AH! TANU-TANU!
MYAA ?!
TOGETHER AGAIN
Uhh
Myaa, I know we're going to different high schools, but we'll still be friends, right?
GRADU-ATING MIDDLE SCHOOL
We might be a little far apart, but we'll still be in the same city! We can meet whenever!
IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE LIVING YOUR LIFE UNSWAYED BY OTHERS
YOU'RE AMAZ ING, MIYA
Hmm? Is that praise?

Kasumi is a Witch!

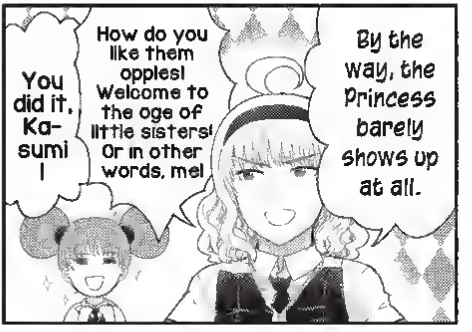
Hey, Tanobamu Would you believe me if I told you I was a witch?
A Witch? Sounds fun!
But it wouldn't surprise me if you told me you were... Some parts of you are beyond the ordinary
So, what do witches do?
Uhh... Practice straight punches every day and stuff?
WHA...?!
Isn't that karate?

Witchcraft Works

Talking About the Limited Edition

You're finally the star, Kasumi! Congrats!
AHEM!
There's a limited edition of the JP WCW Vol. 8 that comes with an OAD, and the protagonist of that OAD is me, Kasumi Takamiya!

※ OAD: ORIGINAL ANIME DVD


You did it, Kasumi!
How do you like them apples! Welcome to the age of little sisters! Or in other words, me!
By the way, the Princess barely shows up at all.

Since the Princess didn't have much screen time, it seems like she voiced the penguin.
You know, I've heard this penguin's voice somewhere before
PENNA!
By the way, the OAD features my hard-fought battle against the penguin from volume 7.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!!

Their two voice actresses are apparently good friends in real life!

Afterword

Hello, this is Mizunagi.
Did you enjoy volume 8 of Witchcraft Works?

I'm hoping to pack a lot into the next volume, like a shady plan by Kasumi, a swimsuit episode, and the appearance of enemies both old and new.

Please look forward to it!

Ryu Mizunagi

Witchcraft Works

CHAPTER 30: BEAST-TAMER KAZANE

Did the Chairwoman used to be in the circus or something?
That boar at your home was big, too, Kagari... Real big...
You know, the Chairwoman's beasts—er, pets?—really are large...
Whaa ?!
The biggest of all... was my MOM!
She was like a building.
A building?!
ズモモモモモモ
ZWUM ZWUM
Sigh
Ayaka, you can't tell anyone you saw me like this.
Hmm.
But...
Now that you mention it, I've seen her with big tigers, big bears... and even big crocodiles.

These pages are a collection of behind-the-scenes character and story elements that probably won't affect or appear in the main story, as well as comments by the author. If you finish reading the story and think, "I want to know more!" then we hope you enjoy the information here.

Chapter 35: Takamiya and Kagari's Key

The arc that takes place in Kagari's old home. The following notes also cover chapters 33 and 34.

• Takamiya and Kagari
Kagari says the two will be going to ber home, but drops by a hot spring first. We can tell that she planned this in advance because she's rented the entire place out. When washing ber hair, Kagari mentions that "It would probably be easier for me if you preferred it to be short."
She might find her long hair somewhat annoying.
She also gets depressed when Takamiya sees the scar on her stomach.

After the bot spring, they come across Natsume on the road. She joins them and they head to Kagari's home.

The key Kagari had was given to her by her younger self. The box that the key unlocks was hidden in a Workshop detached from Kagari's home, but it doesn't seem to be in use at the moment.
The Kagari family is a clan of witcbes known for their research into fire magic, though...
(Also, the two only come across members of the Mikage and Hio families while they go around the bouse, and don't run into anyone else.)

Kagari successfully receives a gift from her past self when she finds the photo in the bidden attic.

• Mister Mikage
A Workshop magician who manages the town's memories. The one to give Kagari the key, which leads her to return home. This is part of a promise he made with her in the past that said he would give it to her if Takamiya makes a contract with the town. The key is an important item relating to both of their pasts, but Mikage doesn't seem to know the meaning it holds. He was only given it by Kagari to hold. Says that he had planned to wait for Takamiya in the science lab, but that doing so became difficult, indicating that his initial plan might have been to give the key to him.

• Natsume Mikage
Entrusted by Mister Mikage with protecting Takamiya after he has to leave the town for a bit. She's been stalking Takamiya since Mister Mikage left in chapter 30.

• Piglet
Protector of the Kagari family lawn. Originally a giant boar found by Kazane, it started to multiply after being left alone to roam the lawn. Kagari calls all of the boars "Piglet," and doesn't distinguish between individual ones.

• Shiori Mikage
A Workshop Witch who currently lives in the Takamiya home. Mister Mikage's older sister and Natsume's mother.

• Mafuyu Hio
A Workshop Witch who currently lives in the Takamiya home. Touko's mother and the Kagari family maid. Constantly being scolded by Shiori. As she isn't a powerful witch herself, she's very proud of Touko, who has high ability scores.

Chapter 36: Takamiya and the Meeting with Kagari

Takamiya and Kagari's past.

• Takamiya and Kagari
A story from when the two were young. This is told from Kagari's point of view, so Takamiya looks like a shadow.
She doesn't really understand the situation she's been put in, so she's shown the way by Takamiya.

We can tell by his words that he knows many things she doesn't.

• Shiori Mikage
Assigned to protect the Kagari family. Uses a gigantic Joro spider as her familiar.
Has a circle placed that reacts to any magic, as her main job is to protect the Kagari family from witches.
However, non-witch intruders are outside her limits.

Also, the master and servant contract between a Witch and a Joro spider causes cursed seals to appear on the palms of both hands of the master. As Shiori gave birth to Natsume after making the contract, the curse is passed down to even the non-contracted Natsume, which causes her to have to wear gloves at all times like her mother. Natsume doesn't have the power to control spiders.

Chapter 37: Takamiya and Mom's Old Scar

A chapter about Mom's old scar.

• Takamiya and Kagari
After seeing Komachi's scar, Kagari realizes that it's the same as hers. In order to find out why, the two meet Komachi's friend.

• Kasumi
Believes that the burden of proof is on the accused. Komachi seems to honestly believe that she might have raised her wrong.
Seems to have started on some sort of plan in order to be put in the same class as her brother (?).

• Furry-ear
Feeling down, so she doesn't act up. Little does she know that this is only the beginning of the tragedy that's about to occur.

• Tanuma
Glad that Kasumi feels better after giving her advice, but starts to worry once she gets home and heads to bed that she might have actually said something terrible.
But Kasumi is the same as always the next day, so she stops worrying, assuming that Kasumi forgot all about it after a night's sleep, and forgets about it herself.

• Komachi
Her old scar seems to be a secret she won't tell anyone about.

• Shiori Mikage
A much bigger spender than eater.

• Touko
Ever the working student. Today, she's working at the kigurumi café NIRVANA. It's a bit of an intense store, where even customers will sometimes sbow up in kigurumi or cosplay costumes. The two men that Sbiori drives off are dressed up as a horse and a deer.

Chapter 38: Takamiya and the State of the Mikage Family

The Deeds of the Mikage Family

• Kagari
Increases the size of her underground room without permission in order to create a room dedicated to Takamiya. Of course, by "dedicated," she means that it's there in order to protect him, something that requires him to be under constant supervision so that be doesn't fall into harm's way, a task sbe takes very seriously. Naturally, she keeps these activities a secret so that he doesn't notice. Those who act noble cannot allow others to see their efforts. Lately, she's made so many stuffed Takamiyas that her room is getting packed. She's considering further expansion, but any more and the house might start to tilt, so she's being very prudent about it.

• Shiori Mikage
Used to have a very feeble constitution. She was also excluded and bullied at school because one of her classmates once saw her hand (sbe had already made a contract with the spider at this time, which she tells Natsume she did because she was weak). She becomes friends witb Komachi and Kazane, who help her during this time, and becomes particularly devoted to Komachi then. However, she doesn't seem to meet either of them very often these days, nor does she have much contact with them (As an aside, Komachi and Kazane also grew distant after Takamiya's accident in the past, and only start to meet again after Kagari came to Komachi's home). Shiori is a witch who specializes in brainwashing. She uses Mafuyu to brainwash her younger brother Kyoichiro and attempts to use Spartan training methods to raise her daughter to be Takamiya (Komachi's son)'s wife.

• Natsume Mikage
Her uncle Kyoichiro was her one respite from the daily Spartan routine she had to face at home.
She was able to overcome her mother's harsh scolding thanks to him, and feels very grateful as a result.
Her life goal is to turn her uncle back into an honest man.

• Mister Mikage
Becomes distrustful of women because of his older sister, and is made to see Takamiya as prince charming on a white horse.
Many other "warped interests" have been implanted into him as well.
Shiori sees him as her closest and most fitting test subject.

Chapter 39 omitted for space reasons

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